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Michael White Political Editor

ONY Blair unveiled the centreplece yes-terday of Labour's campaign to end 17 years in the political wilderness when he accused the Thatcher and Major governments of creating an insecure majority among voters who would turn against them "with a

vengeance". Speaking in Swansea, the Labour leader contrasted the British dream with the world of job insecurity, higher taxes and fears of homelesaness and and fears of homelessness and crime in which most people now lived as a result of minis-terial ideology and error. "You still believe in the British dream. You still be-lieve in British values, in de-cency, hard work, and fair-

You still long to do better for yourselves and your family and you long for

military chiefs, who supports the ban on lesblans and gay men in the armed forces.' Peter Tatchell

'I am glad that he is naming the lost generation but I think that Britain to do better too. You



divorce ultimatum to Queen

Alex Belios

IVORCE negotiations between the **Prince and Princess** of Wales appeared to have broken down yesterday when it was confirmed that the princess had met the Queen and raised the pros-pect that the marriage may drag on for two more years. It is understood the prin-cess asked the Queen to spur Buckingham Palace's lawyers into action by threatening to into action by threatening to withdraw from the talks, which have stalled because of wrangling about the settle-ment. It is believed that both sides can not even agree on some of the most minor

details. After a meeting with Prince Charles in February, the prin-cess agreed to a "quickie" consensual divorce, but the deadlock may cause her to change her mind and wait two years for the formal no-consent five year separation period to elapse. The couple officially separated in December 1992 The princess is known to be

frustrated with the slow pace of negotiations, because she wants them resolved before she raises her public profile as a goodwill ambassador. She is currently accepting him more control over his ex-wife and is more affordable in the short term. The princess is expected to

continue living at Kensington Palace but the prince is resist-ing her desire to retain an office at St James's Palace, close to his London apartment.

It is understood another sticking point is his refusal to her request that he should aign a confidentiality or "gagging" clause in the same way as she was being required to do. The prince considers that his word not to divulge details of their life together was good enough. There has also been specu-

lation about the title Princess of Wales and whether she will continue to be addressed as Her Royal Highness. It is most likely that in future she will be known as Diana, Prin-cess of Wales, but without the HRH --- and so no longer com-manding a curtsy on greeting. She saw the Queen on Wednesday after meeting her solicitor Anthony Julius, of London law firm Mishcon de Reya, who reported that nego-tiations were still bogged down. It seems that Mr Julius and the prince's solicitor Fiona Shackleton, of Queen's lawyers Farrer & Co, cannot

even agree on some relatively She is currently accepting very few public engagements. Both sides have couster Since the Queen in Decem-ber ordered the Waleses to the ordered the Waleses to the ordered the Waleses to the Owen that talks should the Queen that talks should be private and confidential. Details of the meeting beagreed about several details of the settlement including money, homes, and the prin-was also leaked the December letter from the Queen that ordered a divorce. It is believed that the letter was given to the paper by someone close to

Visions 'The Germans have an image of organisation; Italy has one of flair. At the moment Britain does not have an image. We need to get an Image again both as a nation and a football nation." **Terry Venables**

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"I had a dream of Britain

are proud to be British but too much of that pride depends on history and nostal-gia and not on what Britain is today. "It is Labour that offers the

new British dream now. Labour that can build a new Britain that is fair, efficient, and can regain our standing in the world."

With one eys firmly on dis-enchanted middle class voters - and their wavering Conser-vative MPs - he even called New Labour the party of one nation radicals, capable of reuniting the country with a devolved democracy, an effi-cient economy and a

18-year-olds, without recom-pense for needy families. Deriding Labour's efforts to appeal to the middle class. Peter Lilley, the Social Secu-rity Secretary, accused Mr Brown of inventing a "teen-age tax" and proclaimed the

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dreams and disappointments.' **Busie Orbach** 'I would like to see the word caring put into any dream of Britain. The divide is widening between those who have and those who have not.' Max Cittlord 'Streets filled with laughing, happy,

olven reformed welfare state. But Mr Blair's intention to launch a "lost generation" campaign next week to high-light the plight of jobless and unskilled people ran into fire from senior Conservatives seeking to exploit concern the shadow chancellor, wan, may decide to the for 16 to the shadow chancellor, the shadow chancellor tial impact on post-16 educa-tion, he challenged them to support Mr Brown's review publicly. Mr Blair did that un-

equivocally in Swansea. With ministers like Mr Lil-ley using the Scottish Tory

entry point to tell us their Bir tom v

Tony Blair unvells the "new British dream" at Labour's Welsh conference yesterday photograph: Gareth Llewellyn Williams

conference in Aberdeen to | But it is the majority that test themes for the election, the Labour leader used his feels insecure today. "The electoral battlefield was portrayed as Labour for the poor and disadvantaged — against the Tories as the party's Welsh conference to do the same. He mocked John Major's prevarications over the Westminster council scanparty of the secure and com-fortable majority," Mr Blair said. "It has changed. It is del as proof that a degenerate party governed Britain. As ministers struggle to rekindle the feel-good factor, he argued that 17 years of Labour that now speaks up for the insecure majority and puts forward the policies that meet their concerns. And it is the Tories who speak only for the privileged few." Tory electoral success "was based on their willingness to tolerate an insecure minority.

The Labour leader added: day Mr Blair stressed it was "It is today's thirtysomethe still only an option to see if ings and fortysomethings that now fear both for their children and for their parents." This week's Guardian/ICM poll, however, saw Labour's lead slip 4 per cent in the Lib-eral Democrats' direction, a school. move which Lib Dem strate-gists believe reflects emerg-ing voter mistrust of Labour rhetoric.

The post-16 child benefit row is a case in point. Yester-

still only an option to see if the money could be better spent along with that spent on the assisted places scheme. "Insufficient numbers of our young people stay on at "There are large problems

of youth unemployment. A lot of our young people are not getting properly skilled or educated," he said.

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lic scrapping was embarrassing the monarchy - both sides have constantly discess's title. She is thought to want a clean-break package that would give her a substatial annual income, but it is doubtful the prince has suffi-cient capital to afford such a

the Queen.

the princes. The princess flew to Major-ca yesterday with a female friend for a few days in the sun, said her spokeswoman settlement without help from He wants a "drip-feed" allowance which would give Jane Atkinson.

Prague Writers' Festival 1996

This year the Prague Writers' Festival, directed by Michael March, will once again showcase a selection of fine authors from around the world. Meet them at the Viola Theatre, Národní 7 (nearest metro Národní) from May 9-11, For more details call: 44 171 7134133

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Whoever wins the Cup, Wembley will make a killing about £1 million, but players' matchday programme profits then allocated is their responsibility." penses eat heavily into that, leaving them with about £60,000 each. With burnels and money from cater- look at the Cup final in isola-John Duncan Sport Correspondent

ANCHESTER United earn almost as much in gate money from their average Premiership

their average Fremlership match as they will from today's FA Cup final, the big-gest match of the season. The owners of Wembley sta-dium may make twice as much out of the match as either United or their oppo-

pents, Liverpool. Each club receives £700,000

from the gate, £100,000 more than the average Old Trafford match. They also claim a share of the television pool,

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Wembley plc makes a profit of about £1.5 million. The Foothail Association's deal with Wembley, struck in the 1980s, allowed the company to Real and honey from tate with wembley about £1.5 million bet-ter of tomorrow morning. Wembley admits that the Cup final is its biggest pay make huge profits from FA events at the stadium through pitchside advertising, car parking, catering and the matchday programme. money and sponsorship."

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match. They also claim a money for the final -- in 1995 tract with the FA which share of the television pool, that gave it 2320,000. Add to reflects a recent partnership which takes their moome to that a share of the £480,000 agreement. How the money is

Final. Jan Rush is

Finance Sport Munchester United. And Andry Cole for today's FA Cop

Martin Corrie, the Wembley spokesman, "but in order to hold other smaller events we From total gate receipts today Wembley will receive \$840,000, to which is added its share of the \$1 million TV need to get income from the bigger events. We have a con-

doing a deal now rather than 15 years ago it would not be the same. No one could have foreseen the growth in TV

tion from the other events. said Mark Day, FA director of finance. "The next day they have the Vase and they won't make a killing out of that. However, clearly, if we were

2 CHRONICLE/NEWS Australia reforms gun laws

Christopher Zinn in Canberra USTRALIA announced plans yesterday to ban automatic and semiautomatic rifles and pumpaction shotguns, as a wave of anti-gun sentiment continued to sweep the country 12 days after the Tasmanian massacre which left 35 dead.

An emergency meeting of state and federal police minis-ters put aside political and regional differences to agree on tough, uniform firearm laws and a national approach to licensing and registration.

The prime minister, John Howard, who pushed the ini-tlative which had bipartisan support, said the changes to people all around this meant an enormous shift in country - that ours is not a gun culture."

"I means this country has decided not to go down the American path," he said. "I don't pretend for a said.

"I don't pretend for a mo-ment that this decision can tragedles in the future, but it ation. "Governments have aves represent a tactical, pow-erful, effective, legislative and governmental response." The historic agreement be-tween the federal, state and

territorial governments means owners of military-style weapons will have 12 months to hand them to police or face severe penal-ties, including mandatory

another massacre.

rison sentences. State and territorial gov-ernments will buy back the outlawed weapons. The fed-eral government said it might help to pay the compensation, expected to exceed £50 million.

The new bans on importa its gun laws, warned that there was still no ban on the tion, ownership, sale and use will apply to all centre-fire and self-loading rifles and private sale of guns and ampump action shotguns. Exmunition, nor a ban on mailemptions will be granted only

The weather in Europe

Alex Bellos in special circumstances to farmers, vermin exterminators and others, to use lowpowered self-loading .22-calibre rifles.

died from a combina-Gun control has been at the top of the political agenda tion of alcohol and prescripsince Martin Bryant, aged 28, tion painkillers, an inquest

ran amok at a Tasmanian tourist site two weeks ago. was told vesterday. Claire Pierce, the only In his first big test as prime minister, Mr Howard shrugged off the powerful gun daughter of Nottinghamshire Superintendent Roy Pierce, swallowed up to 20 Co-proxa-mol tablets after taking 1½ eclobby and pushed the states. stasy tablets during a night of heavy drinking. Nottingham which under the constitution have responsibility for gun laws, to reach a rare accord. "We have done something that will build a safer envi-ronment for our children." he coroner's court was told it coroner's court was told it was possible she had taken the paracetamol-based pain-killers because they are thought to heighten the effect of the illegal drug. Ms Pierce, aged 20, died last Sunday a few hours after leaving a Derby nightclub where she had been celebrat-ing a friend's birthday. She was with 12 people who had

mg a friend's orthoay. She was with 12 people who had driven there from Mansfield. Detective Inspector Brian Dennis said Ms Pierce ar-rived at a Mansfield pub with eight ecstasy tablets. She sold five for S9 and kent three to infringements on the liberties of individuals in Australia's history," said Ted Drane of five for £9 and kept three to share with her best friend,

Vicky Burgess. By the time they arrived in Derby, Ms Pierce had drunk a John Tingle, the MP for the one-seat Shooters' Party in the New South Wales upper bottle of a vodka cocktail and two cans of strong cider. Be-fore entering the club both house, said the agreement would not reduce the number girls took an ecstasy tablet. Mr Dennis added: "Claire of firearms or the chance of "The statistical evidence is, consumed a vast quantity of Hooch alcoholic lemonade

when you bring in registra-tion, less than half the people in states where guns are now and she and her friend split the remaining ecstasy tablet taking half each." registered have registered their guns," he said. The Tasmanian Coalition for Gun Control, which had

predicted a massacre in the state because of the laxity of where she began complaining of a beadache. A box of distalgesic tablets was found in the kitchen. Mr

to consume a large quantity of these tablets, Witnesses said she had a strip contain-

POLICE chief's daughter who collapsed after taking ecstasy ing 10 tablets and put them all in her mouth, washing them down with water." She also pocketed a strip of 10. At 4am some of the group

moved to another house. Ms Pierce was seen taking more painkillers and Ms Burgess leaded with her to stop "Vicky told police Claire laughed it off and told her not to worry about it," said Mr Dennis. Ms Pierce was told to quieten down and lay on the living room carpet where she was covered with her coat.

Mr Dennis added: "An hour Mr Dennis added: "An hour and-a-half later her friend no-ticed she looked cold and went to rub her hands to warm her. ... Claire's head and limbs had appeared to have gone blue." An attempt was made to revive her, but she had died by the time an ambulance arrived at 6 45am. ambulance arrived at 6.45am.

The coroner, Nigel Chapman, recorded a verdict of ac-cidental death. A post mortem examination had shown Ms Pierce died of poisoning from the mixture of alcohol and headache tablets. He said the tablets were known to be fatal in numbers of around 10.

Dr Chapman said it was possible Ms Pierce had taken the painkillers to get "an extra kick" or had perhaps become confused about the amount she had taken because of the alcohol and ecstasy. He added that ecstasy also caused repetitive ehaviour.

The inquest heard that when the minibus picked up the group from the club at 2.15am, Ms Pierce was drunk. They went to a friend's place where she been completed Pierce: "To all those other beautiful young people out there, please reflect long and hard on Claire's tragic death and please, please don't make the same mistake."

Police chief's daughter died from pills and drink binge after taking ecstasy





Claire Pierce, who swallowed up to 20 painkillers after taking 1% ecstasy tablets during a night of heavy drinking

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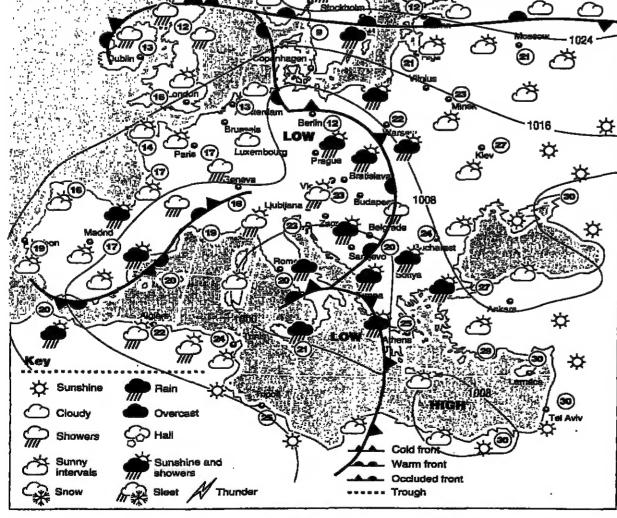
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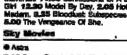
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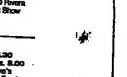
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studying the work of a littlecomposer wrote them.

Beethoven, according to John Eliot Gardiner, one of Britain's leading conductors, "pinched" many of his bestknown themes from a group of obscure French revolutionary composers working In the decade before he produced his most famous symphonies.

The opening to the Fifth Symphony, the flute tune from the Pastoral and the chorus from the Seventh Symphony were not written by Beethoven, who died in 1827, the conductor claims.

In tomorrow night's South Bank Show on ITV, Mr Gardiner, one of the foremost conductors of Beethoven, identifies five composers whose work was part of a trend of

revolutionary propaganda music at the end of the 18th century, written to promote the cause of the new French Republic. The five, François-Joseph Gossec, Luigi Cheru-bini, Etienne-Nicolas Méhul, and Xavier Lefevre are previously obscure, although the fifth. Rouget de Lisle, wrote the Marseillaise, the French national anthem.

known 1920s German musi-cologist, Arnold Schmidz. Mr Gardiner, together with musicologist David Chariton, took the theory a stage fur-ther and produced names and specific pieces of music that bear a startling resemblance to some of Beethoven's most

De Lisle, composer of the Marseillaise, during a rendition of one of his pieces promoting the cause of the French Revolution amous works. "Beethoven's music, particularly with the words at-tached to it, would have been political dynamite," said Mr Gardiner. "It seemed that he ceptible to the intellectual wanted to convey his identity with the ideas of the French Revolution in a way that

would be clear to the intellectuals in his audience without at the same time getting himself stuck into jail as a subversive." Beethoven, in common with

many artists and intellectuals at the end of the 18th century, had great sympathy with the ideas of the French Revolu-tion. But his work had previously been thought to be divorced from politics.

"It shows that he was not an isolated genius, isolated from politics and musical events, composing in his gar-

"I think it is blatant pinch-ing." Mr Gardiner said yes-terday. "It is not straight pla-of his time and extremely sus-del's Requiem."

long-term investment". Lloyds Private Banking said it would not be applying for

shares for asset management

stimulus of the French Revolution. Nicholas Kenyon, controller of BBC Radio 3, said yesterday that many composers drew on the folk music or the well-known tunes of their day. "To some people that would be what makes their music so remarkable, in that they are able to draw on something that immediately makes a connection with the audience of the day and then make something extraordi-nary of it." Hugh Canning, Sunday

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Times music critic, says the Baroque age was an orgy of plagiarism. "Bach's harp-sichord concertos borrowed from Vivaldi's violin concertos, Gossec wrote music that has been attributed to Gluck, and Mozart takes from Han-

Perhaps questions of attri- | A maestro and a bution belong to another, more modern age. "Originality is quite a new concept in classical music," said Classic CD magazine's Daniel Jaffé. "It's something that's come about partly through romantic ideas about inspiration and originality, and is even more important nowadays that people are eager to get as much earnings from their own work as possible." The chances of descendants

of the five French composers receiving fat royalty cheques seem small. "It is interesting margina-

lia," said Mr Gardiner, "the debt that genius owes to the second rate. It's fascinating to me that music that's not really all that interesting can become sublime."

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task-master with a bent for authenticity JOHN Eliot Gardiner is, at the age of 53, one of Brit-ain's top two conductors, writes Dan Glaister. His in-

terpretations of Beethoven and Berlioz have brought him recognition as one of the great conductors of his generation. This summer, he is due to conduct Beethoven's opera, Fidelio, at

the Proms. Educated at Cambridge, where he read history, he

became the youngest Proms conductor of his day at the age of 25. He has formed several ensembles, includ- faulty metronome.

ing the Moteverdi Choir and the English Baroque Soloists, recording Britten, Mozart, Purcell, Schubert and others. His current enthusiasm is for authentic ity, with his London-based Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique dedicated to

recreating the instrumen-tation and performance of classical music. "It stops the mindless reproduction the mindless reproduction of music of the past in an all-purpose style," he says. The Guardian once referred to him as "the Karajan of period perfor-mance", and he confesses to having a "terrible repu-tation", reputed to rule his ensembles with merciless ensembles with merciless

baton. Two years ago he sug-gested that Beethoven's music was written with a

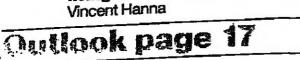
Lloyds shuns Railtrack | Gas chief's £100,000 'hello'

Keith Harper Transport Editor

clients. In the shorter term it LOYDS became the did not envisage adding the shares to clients' portfolios. The National Westminster second large clearing bank to warn its richest investors that they would be

in Railtrack when it is priva-tised on May 20. The bank has written to customers of Lloyds Private Banking, its private banking asset management scheme, pointing out that because of "political concerns", Rail-track shares - priced at be-tween 3400 and management scheme, price asset management scheme, pointing out that because of "political concerns", Rail-track shares - priced at benents or longer-term invest-ment. A number of managers had acted in what they be-lieved was the best interests of customers, the bank said. track shares - priced at be-tween 340p and 390p - "are The Government's 100 per unlikely to be a rewarding

> Some of you will remember when Mystic Meg Thatcher told the Commonwealth: 'Anyone who thinks that the ANC is going to run South Africa is living in cloud cockoo land



cent self-off has been con-structed with an eye on the next election. Short-term in-Simon Beavis Industrial Editor vestors are guaranteed a 25 per cent return on shares by next March, but a change of government could affect of government could affect Railtrack's long-term future, even though Labour has made

it clear that it could not return it to the public sector immediately. Clare Short, Labour's shadow transport secretary, said: "We want would-be investors to be aware of our plans. Some may be looking to ride the gravy train with Railtrack, as they did with other privatisations. But there are not going to be any cheap bucks for them this time. The banks have been privately concerned for months

about the sale of British Rail's 25 passenger franchises, although the amounts of money involved are not very large. This latest news is not ex-pected to affect the Railtrack sell-off materially. The Government is still confident of achieving a return of between £1.75 and £1.95 billion, but the doubts of two important clear- ated City investors. ing banks may turn off last minute investors.

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BRITISH Gas was head-ing into fresh contro-versy last night when it emerged that it is to pay a £100.000 "golden hello" to a new senior director. The chairman and chief executive, Richard Giordano, announced the group was recruiting David Varney,

managing director of Shell UK, to head Transco International, one of two companies being created out of British Gas. Mr Varney has been offered

We will have the skills and experience to take these two a salary of £385,000 a year plus a one-off bonus of £100,000 to compensate him for loss of benefits, including new companies forward." The company had for some time been preoccupied with "manshare options and enhanced aging the changes arising

pension entitlements, at from market liberalisation Shell. He will become chief and restructuring." British Gas insisted the "golden hello" was strictly a one-off payment and would

not be repeated in later years, as in two recent pay awards to new directors which infuri-

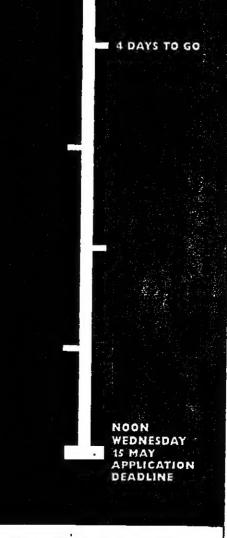
Mr Vorney's appoin' nent international exploration and force the company to cut divi-is the latest in a series of exec- production business. dend payments this year.

British Gas Energy in-cludes the UK supply busi-ness, the Morecambe Bay gas fields, and the huge liability for "take or pay" gas con-tracts — long-term commit-ments to buy high-priced gas which the company can no longer sell because its market utive hirings from outside the company and means only two of its top 14 executive posts are filled by people with long service with British Gas. It marks an end to the tradition of directors rising through the ranks to take high office, including the former chief executive, Cedric Brown, whose 75 per cent pay increase to £491,000 a year ahead of retirement caused longer sell because its market has been eroded by competition. Roy Gardner, executive director operations for Brit-ish Gas, will be Mr Varney's an outcry over executive pay counterpart at British Gas within privatised industries. Energy. His salary as chief ex-Mr Giordano - who is paid ecutive designate will remain £450,000 a year — said of the new appointments: "A vital task is all but accomplished. fixed at £320,000 a year.

Philip Rogerson, the direc-tor in charge of the demerger, is being made executive deputy chairman of British Gas and the two successor compa-nies, and will have special responsibility for regulatory matters. His salary remains

fixed at £305,000 a year. The demerger is set to be achieved by next spring. But Mr Brown's departure was immediately the company announced in February when British Gas revealed it was splitting into Transco Interfaces a new problem, when splitting into Transco Inter-national and British Gas tor-general, Clare Spottis-Energy. Transco includes the comwoode, is expected to impose 10 per cent cuts in the prices pany's £18 billion network of charged by Transco, a move gas pipes in the UK and the which the City believes will dend payments this year.

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News in brief

Teenage girl faces murder charge

A 16-year-old girl appeared before magistrates yesterday charged with a murder committed when she was 13. She is alleged to have murdered Katie Rackliff, aged 18. a hairdresser. as she walked home from Ragamuffins nightclub in Camberley. Surrey, on June 7. 1992. The hairdresser's half-naked body was found in a cemetery in Farnborough, Hampshire. She had been stabbed 27 times and sexually assaulted. Magistrates adjourned the hearing until July 10 when the

girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, will appear at Aldershot youth court. She is expected to be committed to Winchester crown court for trial.

Labour nominees for Dearing

A POLITICAL truce over higher education was established yes-terday when the Government appointed Labour nominees to Sir Ron Dearing's committee of inquiry into the future of universities.

The 17-strong committee will include Baroness Dean, the Labour life peer who, as Brenda Dean, was general secretary of the print union Sogat. David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, is understood to have also recommended Sir Geoffrey Holland, vice-chancellor of Exeter University and a former per-manent secretary at the education department. — John Carvel

Britain's top soccer thug dies

BRITAIN'S No. 1 soccer thug. Paul Scorrott — jailed 13 times and convicted 40 times for football violence — has died in a Spanish hospital. The 40-year-old collapsed after a heavy drinking session

with friends in Barcelona and was rushed to hospital. The fanatical Nottingham Forest supporter, who was expelled from Italy at the start of the World Cup in 1990. had the word Forest" tattooed on his inner lip, which helped Spanish police to klentify him.

Scarrott once boasted to reporters: "I am the worst football hooligan in the country — and I am proud of it." The taxi-driver's son from Colverton. Nottinghamshire, claimed his ambition was to lead a hit squad of British hooligans to attack German fans "to keep the second world war coing

New evidence in killing

FRESH alibi evidence could have established the innocence of a man convicted of murdering his girlfriend's parents, the Court of Appeni ruled yesterday. It said there were other doubts about the

evidence which had rendered a guilty verdict unsafe. Jonathon Jones, aged 37, a market researcher from Orpington. Kent, was cleared at the appeal court last month of the murder of Harry and Megan Tooze at their Mid Glamorgan farmhouse in 1993. Yesterday Lord Justice Rose, with Mr Justice Dyson and Mr Justice Gage, sold the new evidence presented to the court about Mr. Jones's whereabouts on the day of the shooting rendered the

After the judgment. Mr Jones called for the police to reopen their inquiry. "It is now time the police got off their backsides and reopened the investigation."

Britain faces green challenge

THE European Commission is being challenged in the European Court to reveal details of confidential deals with United Kingdom, Ireland and other EU states which kept them from being prosecuted for breaches of environmental law.

At stake are the documents involving controversial cases against the UK on Twyford Down, Oxleas Wood and the Newbury bypass. Despite apparently strong evidence against the Govern-ment, the commission unexpectedly dropped all three cases before they reached the European Court. The World Wide Fund for Nature has mounted the first case of

its kind to test the commission's legal commitment to a policy of

The UK. France and Ireland are backing the commission's stance that all communications between member states should remain confidential. - Paul Brown

Gas phobia woman loses

Committee on standards turns to local government penalties in wake of Westminster scandal

Nolan reviews surcharges

James Melkle, Community Affairs Editor

HE Nolan committee on standards in public life is to inby councils.

The Nolan investigations have been long planned. But its deliberations on survestigate the system of surcharging councillors and local governcharges and financial penal-ties will help ensure that the ment officers in the wake of the £31.7 million penalty im-posed on Dame Shirley Porter and five others in Westminpolitical storm over the Government's muted response to ster for gerrymandering. the Westminister homes-for-The inquiry, which may be votes scandal continues durannounced next week, is part | ing the summer.

of a wider survey of probity accused by district auditor John Magill are expected to by public bodies and coincides with a Governmentappeal to the High Court commissioned review into the way watchdogs handle allegaagainst his findings of misconduct and the surcharges he imposed. She complained tions of financial impropriety that the system, introduced

by the Thatcher government in 1982. involved Mr Magill being "prosecutor. judge and Mr Magill's investigations took nearly seven years. including 32 days of public

inquiry. John Gummer, the Envi-

Dame Shirley and others | ronment Secretary, refused to | review of the general pro | in the land, except fat-cat accused by district auditor | comment in the Commons on | cesses involved in investiga | Tory millionaires." comment in the Commons on Thursday on whether the protions like this one ... cess of investigation could be weigh carefully the balance between the public interest in seeing such cases dealt with improved.Tory backbenchers were concerned over the length and conduct of the inquiry. The Audit Commission, res

as expeditiously as possible ponsible for appointing dis-trict auditors and considering all the parties concerned are treated fairly." Frank Dobson, the shadow

complaints, said it would consider whether the Westminenvironment spokesman; said

Paddy Ashdown told a Lib-"Any review would need to eral Democrat rally in Taunton, Somerset, that "it is bad

enough for Tory councillors to have behaved in such a way. It is even worse to see

ing is wrong." On Tuesday, Labour will widen a Commons attack on Westminister to include the ster case highlighted lessons ine Government "may be try-of general application. ing to slip through a rule whole system of local govern-ment funding, which it says welcome a comprehensive every council and councillor voured boroughs.

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Stalker bill lost as Eubank case is heard

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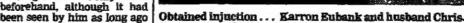
The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, conceded yesterday that there was widespread support for a change in the law, but claimed that Mrs Anderson's bill was unworkable.

"[It] is too widely drawn The coincidence heightened and would criminalise many innocent activities," he told BBC Radio Four. "Stalking is the row over the demise of the measure introduced by Janet Anderson, Labour MP for a particularly difficult thing to define. As soon as we are Though the Government yesterday promised a law to curb stalking, it gave no date satisfied we have a workable

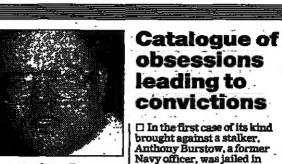
definition, we will legislate." Mrs Anderson's bill, drafted following talks with the Lord Chancellor, senior for its introduction. Support-ers of Mrs Anderson's bill said it could have been law by Home Office officials, the Police Federation, and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, would have made it an offence to folthe summer, but now victims would be exposed to danger for at least another year. In the case brought by Karlow, watch. approach, tele-phone, interfere with prop-erty, leave offensive material ron Eubank, aged 30, a judge at Brighton county court oror regularly visit "so that the other person is likely to be harassed, alarmed, dislered a man to stay away The temporary injunction was granted against Russell Bennett, aged 30. He had been found on the roof of the coutressed, or to fear for their safety

Magistrates would have ple's home in Hove, East Sushad given power to order an sex, wearing the ex-champi-on's boxing shorts and exclusion zone around a victim and to require a stalker to trainers, just after midnight on Tuesday. Mrs Eubank, undergo counselling. It would have become a criminal of-fence to break such an order. who is pregnant, pressed a panic button to alert police Mrs Anderson said that she after spotting him when the security alarm went off. was angered that the Home Office minister, David Mac-Police said she was terrified as she watched the intruder ean, had announced his decision to oppose the second reading of her bill only hours roaming through the gym





She was 'terrified' by an intruder



Stalker: Anthony Burstow

Victim: Tracy Sant

Stalker: Klaus Wagner

charges of inflicting grievous bodily harm through psychiatric damage. He hounded Tracy Sant for three years, breaking into her home, sending her a solled sanitary towel, stealing her underwear, pouring solvent on her car and writing sinister notes. 🗆 Gaetano Constanza, a

forklift driver, sent Louise Wilson more than 800 letters, and repeatedly visited her house in the middle of the night He was convicted of assault, remanded in custody for psychiatric reports and warned he faced a lengthy jail term.

March for three years on

□ Anthony King, a jilted lover, was jailed for two years after conducting a campaign of terror against his exgirlfriend and her family. The former disc jockey bombarded Gemma Jones, aged 18, with phonecalls, vandalised her father's car, sprayed graffiti over the family's garage and posted up revealing photographs of Ms Jones in public places. D Dr Klaus Wagner was arrested three times in two months for stalking the Princess of Wales. He was committed to a mental hospital for a month and last month was struck off the medical register because of

drugs offences. □ Robert Dewey Hoskins was jailed for 10 years in Los Angeles after being convicted of stalking, threatening and Madonna.

Owen Bowcott PRIVATE member's bill designed to outlaw stalking was yesterday killed off by the Home Office on the day the wife of the boxer. Chris Eubank, obtained an injunction against an intruder.

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Damage was estimated at

A DOG breeder with a phobia for gas faces a huge legal bill after losing a High Court case to stop a pipeline being opened up beneath her home.

Mr Justice Popplewell said there was no doubt Ann Figoni's fear of gas was real and that conversion of an oil pipeline beneath her home on Anglesey could damage her health. But he said that if British Gas diverted the pipeline it would cost an extra £1.2 million and he could find "nothing arguable" in her complaints that she had been treated unfairly. The successful breeder of English Setters accused British Gas

of "appalling behaviour" and the Department of Trade of bias for treating the cost of the diversion as more important than her health. The department's legal bill runs into five figures, and the company will also be seeking costs against her.

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Hollywood's favourite sons open fire on 'no risk' culture of the industry's 'dreary middle managers'

Joanna Coles In Cannes JOLLYWOOD different to producing cars came

ander attack from two or cans of soup. Mr Hoffman added that of its favourite sons yester

day when both the actor Dustin Hoffman and the director Francis Ford Copican films, which in turn had an appalling influence on young people. Referring to a recent case of two boys who had kicked a baby to death, be said it was impospola said it was no longer possible to make decent films there. Mr Coppola declared that Hollywood had not pro-

duced a classic film for at sible to look at violent gang least 10 years and that an | culture without concluding

their gratuitions violence. The attack was the stronger for being made at sepahe thought there was far too much violence in Amerrate, unconnected events. Mr Coppola was introduc ing this year's panel of judges. and Mr Hoffman

was launching a new part-nership which will allow him to kick-start several small budget films into production.

The actor, who has won

invasion of dreary middle | it had been influenced by | Oscars for his perfor- | million dollars on one film managers meant film-mak- violent films. He refused mances in Kramer vs Kra-ing was now no longer any several parts because of mer and Rain Man, accused did not take enough money the six big studios which in its first weekend, it was considered a failure, which dominate Hollywood of

being incapable of taking artistic risks. Instead, was an unbearable pres-sure for those involved in there was a feeling that the making it. Mr Coppola, chairman of this year's panel of judges, who has twice won Cannes' highest accolade, the Palme bigger the budget the better film, when in fact the oppo-

PHOTOGRAPH: FIONA HANSON Victim: Louise Wilson

site was more likely to be the case.

Accountants dictated filmmaking, but they were producing films no one wanted

Mr Hoffman, who in the seventies starred in Straw Dogs, criticised for being excessively brutal, said the atmosphere on film sets had changed for the worse. As an actor he wanted to enjoy the process, not spend the entire project wracked with fear that it It was a sign of Holly-It was a sign of Holly-wood's desperation, he said, that it is easier to per-suade a studio to risk 60 concerned only with profit.



tigated the unacceptably low

standards of literacy among

primary schoolchildren in three inner London authori-

ties, including Tony Blair's home borough of Islington.

on allegations that Mr Wood-

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ers working against the odds to help many children with special educational needs, for-

Most reports concentrated

Erlend Clouston

mance was Mrs Shephard's decision to attend Mr Woodhead's press conference on Mr Woodhead's home turf. N EDINBURGH parlia-A ment with taxation Against all normal protocol the mountain came to "knife in the back of Scot-The likely explanation is that Mrs Shephard needed the political credit of associating land", the Conservatives claimed yesterday. The Chancellor, Kenneth

Clarke, joined a chorus of ministers in Aberdeen to denounce the economic impact of Labour proposals which Mr Clarke described as "a real and terrible threat... to prosperity and jobs in

Scotland". The party's Scottish confer-ence heard the Chancellor renew government warnings that the "tartan tax" would scare off the foreign investors

nouncing that he would not use Westminster tax cuts to "bribe" voters. Mr Clarke's attack on devolution was joined by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. "Labour's tartan tax

said Mr Clarke. who slightly

deflated his audience by an-

an extra knife in the Scottish | Tories see it - 25 a week in back, along with all the other | tax to maintain current beneback, along with all the other knives that Labour is now sharpening to insert into the back of the United Kingdom." fit levels. The Conservatives have

been encouraged by polls this week which suggest that the Scotland's mind is far from made up on home rule. One showed that 52 per cent of Scots admit they know noth-ing about the Constitutional Convention's plans for a Scot-tish parliament. Another found that a majority of Labour voters are unhappy about the prospect of paying

extra Scottish income tax. While English voters remain relatively equable on the subject, Conservative strategists are certain there is electoral mileage in the dimiand cost the average Scottish family 2300 a year. "But the tartan tax is only quence of devolution as the devolution. nution in England's interna-

at 3p in the pound is for the birds," the former Scottish Secretary jeered, predicting that it would rise to 10p. The doom-mongering was given an extra twist by the Social Security Secretary. Peter Lilley. He claimed that it would cost every working

Blair signals compromise on gays in military

duct on the same disciplinary footing in the ranks. Mr Blair, who backed Mrs Currie when the Tory MP tried to equalise the age of

consent last year, explained yesterday: "I believe that ho-mosexual people should not be banned or discharged from the military merely by reason of the fact that they are gay." on ser. Labour gay campaigners are convinced their party is already committed to useful improvements to their civic rights, but plan to launch a

new campaign - helped by Rodney Bickerstaffe, leader of Unison - at the Commons on sexual and heterosexual con- Monday,

In Thursday night's debate the shadow defence secretary, David Clark, voted for Mrs Currie, but his deputy. John Reid voted the other way — having first explained that "logical objective" facts of military life tilted the balance away from full civil liberties away from full civil liberties

Mr Blair also sought to straddle the issue. He later told BBC Radio 4's Today programme other countries had negotiated deals in recent years which "take account of the concerns of the military, but in a way that does not undermine the basic civil liberties of the subject."

theObserver against slackness, low expec-tations and erstwhile "trendy" teaching methods. But his experience over the last few days will have con-firmed his view that he can afford to turn up the political temperature. After a fortnight of sustained attack from his critics - including potentially em-barrassing revelations from a former senior member of his management team - Mr Woodhead has emerged as the strongest voice in education. Although his writ extends only in England, his influence is being felt across the UK. The clinching evidence came this week when Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary. braved the central London traffic to drive from her department in Whitehall went

to the Ofsted headquarters in

John Carvel Education Editor

HE man who has

emerged as the strongest

voice in education must

be feeling more than usually

pleased with himself as he flies off this weekend for a

working break in New Zea-

land evangelising his distinc-tive personal technique for playing hardball with "in-

Chris Woodhead, the chief

competent" teachers

eign language backgrounds and deprived homes. This echoed criticism from Colin Richards, Ofsted's for-mer primary school adviser, who recently went public inspector of schools, has ap-peared to enjoy the adrenalin of controversy ever since he took over as head of the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) 18 months ago and began a war of attrition He is a product of the 1960s 'trendy' teacher training ideas he is now seeking to exterminate with complaints about Mr

Woodhead's distortion of inspection evidence, which had been winging round the organisation's internal electronic mailing system among a network of anxious staff. According to Mr Richards. Mr Woodhead redefined average schools, describing them as "in need of improvement' to support the dramatic conclusion in his annual report

Holborn, so she could sit at Mr Woodhead's side as he case to rosting aspect of the performancasy.

with the promise of new pow-ers to test children, inspect local authorities and publish league tables of teacher training colleges' performance. His present position of strength is founded on a mix-ture of charm and resilience. He is the product of a gram-mar school education and the 1960s "trendy" teaching train-ing ideas which he now seeks

with her party's most nopular

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to exterminate. He can also claim considerable parental support for his determination to lift the quality and aspiration of the teaching

profession. But he must know that the attack on teachers is becom-

ing counterproductive, drowning out modest efforts to give credit where it is due. Under the present system, he has no responsibility for training teachers, deciding the curriculum, examining pupils, controlling local education authorities, fixing resources, or shaping

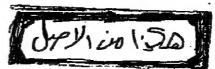
national education policy. He has the authority to say what is wrong without the responsibility for putting it right — a powerful combination which is making everythat half of all primaries were one involved in delivering

unsatisfactory. But politically the more ineducation increasingly

Michael White Political Editor ONY Blair signalled yes-terday that a Labour government would negotiate proper codes of conduct with the military" over the accep-tance of gays and lesbians in the armed forces.

Gay lobbyists expressed dismay that the Labour leader - unlike 10 shadow cabinet colleagues - abstained rather than support Edwina Currie's amendment to the Armed Forces Bill

which would have put homo-





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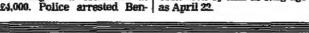
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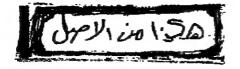
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Law Society leadership row hots up

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HE campaign against Martin Mears, presi-dent of the Law Soci-ety, gained momen-tum yesterday when Michael Namiar, president of the Napier, president of the Association of Personal In-jury Lawyers, gave his sup-port to the launch of a move-ment to oust Mr Mears.

Mr Napler told the annual conference of the 2,600-mem-ber association: "If the cur-rent negative public percep-tion of the image of solicitors is to be repaired, our profes-sion needs strong and states-manlike leadership demon-strating that we are a modern and united profession.

"If that is the perception coming out of Chancery Lane the society's London headquarters] at the moment, I am, with apologies to Private Eye, a banana.

"So I urge the solicitor members of the association to take serious note of the alternative grassroots solicitors' movement that has been announced today calling for new leadership, and I also urge them to ensure that this year everyone exercises their democratic right to vote."

The Campaign for New Leadership claims Mr Mears and his deputy, Robert Sayer, have turned the profession into a "laughing stock" and let its affairs go to "rack and ruin." It calls on them to stand down "if the profession is not to be damaged beyond repair".



'establishment hacks'

The campaign is calling for candidates to come forward to oppose the pair in this summer's elections. So far no one has declared an intention to stand, though moves are afoot to assemble a slate of

candidates. Mr Mears yesterday branded the campaign mem-bers "establishment hacks" and accused them of "disinformation and lies", claiming their documents showed they had been helped by a dis-gruntled Law Society ex-

employee. Several key officials have left or announced their departure after run ins with Mr Mears, He added: "In due course I shall be kicking this farrage to bits."

Mr Napier is a member of the society's 75-strong coupcil, only nine of whom are declared Mears supporters. A former partner of Rodger Pan-none and a past president, he declared himself out of the running yesterday, pleading the pressures of running a

large practice. Launching the campaign

yesterday, the chairman, Cov-entry solicitor Kevin Martin, said the catalyst was a series of incidents and articles in-volving Mr Mears which had caused "increasing dismay." The final straw was the president's speech to a women law-yers' conference last month,

received in stony silence. for the first time in 1963 when he attacked "discrimiand quickly became Brit-ain's greatest-ever foot-baller, will be 50 years old. nation zealots who thrive on grievances and heresy hunting and use minorities as raw material for their whinge But attempts to sweep the anniversary under the car-pet are futile, thanks to BBC2's Best Night, an eve-ning of Best material — on

7 P.C.

In a latter circulated to council members, local law societies, and 600 solicitors, that very day.

the campaign accuses Mr Mears and Mr Sayer of "chasing media opportunities for their maverick views". It adds: "Ever since they were elected, the Law Society has wallowed whilst they have run a perpetual election campaign, and picked fights with staff members who cannot answer back.

factories

The profession cannot afford another year of the same. Martin Mears and Robert Saver thrive on conflict - but achieve nothing."

of metropolitan leftists"

In an article in the New Law Journal yesterday, Mr. Mears claimed he was the victim of a "campaign of vilification and disinformation" and said his support around the country was stronger than 300.000 overseas fans to Eng-ever. His most vocifierous op-land next month.

The former soucer star beloing to launch BBC2's forthcoming Best Night in London yesterday PHOTOGRAPH DAVID MANSELL OR those who measure the passage of time in sporting memories, Sunday, May 19, could be a depressing day. George Best, that scrawny, black-haired 17-year-old who donned a Manchester United shirt for the first time in 1963 British (an unpredictable selection including Robbie Fowler, Mike England and Stuart Pearce), and a re-run of the 1966 European Cup quarter-final against Benfica which shot "El Beatle" to stardom. Best launched the evening at Football Football, a London restaurant where

The coverage will include a documentary on the man, 10 of his best goals, a Man-chester United family tree, Best's choice of the best of Britich for Britich for Best's choice of the best of Britich for Britich for Best's choice of the best of Britich for Best's choice of the best of Britich for Best's choice of the best of Britich for Britich for Best's choice of the best of Best's Choice of the bes minated on superstardom. prison and alcoholism — the good, the bad and the bubbly of his 50 years. He even revealed that he had actually come out on top after years of heavy gambling and casino dwell-ing — "though nowadays I nearly have a heart attack if i los a tenner" if I lose a tenner".

visitors are greeted at the "I am surprised some of 10 who have probably door by a talking black bust times I have made it this only heard of me through of Best, suitably positioned far." said Best. "I went their great-grandfather."

I didn't want to, when I was really in the gutter. The trouble with being in the gutter is that people tend to step over you, but I pulled myself out. "It's strange how things

change though. Ten years ago I couldn't go out be-cause everywhere I went people wanted to fight me. Now everyone wants to shake my hand — even kids

Britain's 'greatest'

Best at (nearly) 50 is | "He always had this wil-starting to look a little ful streak in him but you can't depy that he was the grandfatherly himself, but greatest entertainer ever." while the trappings of his youth remain — an 11am And tomorrow's Cup glass of champagne (un-sipped) sat on the table as his latest wife Alex (blonde, Final? "The last time I went to a Cup Final that United were of course) looked on - one senses that he now knows what the press and public expect of him and is happy

themed evening.

in was 1983, and it was a mightmare," said Best. "I was staying at the Wembley Hilton but there was such chaos in the hotel to oblige. "Re's still the same rascal he ever was," said Michael Parkinson, who has recorded a candid in-terview with Best for the "I might jus "I might just do that again."

Violent Newcastle fans face dawn call as police crack down in preparation for Euro 96

Peter Hetherington

SCORES of Newcastle SUnited supporters at the centre of rioting earlier this week will shortly be arrested in a series of dawn raids after extensive examination of closed circuit television film.

dent they will make more

The police swoop is to drive home the message that they will crack down hard on any disorder during the European football championships, which could bring up to

'retrospective arrests" than | ham, central Newcastle comin any similar mainland mander, who chairs a in the host cities are unhappy police operation with the aid national committee of senior with magistrates for granting of Britain's most extensive closed circuit television (CCTV) system, installed three years ago in Newcastle. sively in a police operation. Almost 1,000 fans rampaged We want to make an impact and send out a clear warning through the city centre, caus-ing extensive damage to before Euro 96." The tournament kicks off shops and cars and attacking with England playing Swit-zerland at Wembley on June bystanders. Although officers charged 29 people with public order offences after the final 8, finishing with a final at the stadium on June 30. Another

Superintendent Peter Dur- Sheffield and Nottingham.

in the host cities are unhappy officers preparing for the championships, said: "CCTV has never been used so exten-in Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle. Drunkenness

played a large part in the Newcastle troubles, where police were pelted with bottles and cans. In central Manchester, and Liverpool, licensing magis-trates have decided to let drunken fans. pubs stay open until 1am for much of June. Many clubs

Some counciliors and MPs | and restaurants have been | police will respond quickly at given extensions until 3am. the first hint of trouble. "We Police have encouraged the have a very positive strategy to grip it immediately and longer licensing hours. Sev-eral senior officers said they prevent it from escalating." felt supporters would create

As part of a policing strat-egy costed at £5 million, pub-lic order units, equipped with full riot gear, will be based in the host cities.

fewer problems if they were allowed to drink at a "lei-surely pace". Police take the view that problems will come from or-ganised gangs, or 'crews', bent on trouble, rather than National Criminal Intelligence Service's football unit, which has over 5,000 people

Malcolm George, a Greater in which Newcastle failed to 23 group games will then be much of June. Many clubs Manchester assistant chief on a hooligan data base. It be held in the space of 11 days in and restaurants will be constable, who will take lieves that between 350 to 400 more troublemakers.



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VACANCY. MUST SPEAK FLUENT LATIN.

close at midnight, while clubs | Yard during Euro 96, says the | football grounds.



hen the monks who lived at Bury St. Edmunds abbey in the 13th century were allowed to speak (which wasn't very often), Latin was the holy order of the day. Indeed, for a young novice entering the monastery, it was a sine qua non.

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6 WORLD NEWS

Tudiman may be barred from Council of Europe **EU** moves to shut

dictatorial measures against

a handful of independent

newspapers and broadcasting

door on Croatia

John Palmer in Brussels

UROPEAN Union governments are con-

sidering an unprece dented last-minute move to block Croatian memhership of the Council of Europe in protest at President stations. This week the Croatian au-Franjo Tudjman's crackdown thorities charged Viktor Ivanon the independent media and his refusal to recognise cic - editor of Feral Tribune, a satirical weekly - with de-faming President Tudjmanin elections for Zagreb city council

Only last month the parlia-mentary assembly of the 37-countryCouncil of Europe three years in prison. voted to admit Croatia, in spite of protests by civil libe ties groups, and its entry had been considered a formality. all negotiations for closer eco-nomic and trading ties. But they agreed to back Croatia's application to join the council, partly because of EU foreign ministers will consider whether to veto it when they meet in Brussels on Monday. There is growing anger in EU capitals at the

way President Tudjman and the Croat government have violated promises made to the council to uphold press freedom and the rights of democratically elected local authorities. Although the Croatian op-

position parties won a clear majority in Zagreb in the elections earlier this year for both the national assembly and local councils, Mr Tudj-

"As far as press freedom man has repeatedly refused to and democratic rights are concerned, is the situation any better in Croatia than in recognise their attempts to form an administration and appoint a mayor in the capi-tal. He has been accused of Serbia?"

For its part, the Council of Europe acknowledged yester-day that "some misgivings" had been expressed when the assembly voted to admit Croatia.

"Normally that vote would have ended matters," a spokeswoman said.

"But the final approval still has not been given by the govhis paper. If found guilty he could be sentenced to up to ernments which make up the council, and that is why the BU discussion on the issue on Monday is so important." Because of its dissatisfac-tion with the Croatian gov-ernment's role in the wider Bosnia peace process, the EU earlier this year suspended Quite apart from the criti-

cism of President Tudiman's stance on democracy and press freedom, EU govern-ments believe that he could do much more to discipline local Croat militias who are still preventing the reunifica-tion of the divided city of

year's Dayton peace agree-ment for former Yugoslavia, and partly in the hope that it Mostar in southern Bosnia "Zagreb says that it cannot control what the local extremists are doing in Mostar, in-cluding attacks on Muslims and others trying to return to their homes in the Croat secwould encourage the Cro-atian government to pursue less repressive policies. The question of Croatia's their homes in the Croat sec-membership of the council is tor on the city. But we are not

well and truly back on the convinced that is the case," agenda,'' a commission an EU diplomat said spokesman said. yesterday.

Aznar takes axe to public spending in EMU drive

The Popular Party govern-

rently meets none of the EMU

criteria, can meet the existing schedule, Mr Aznar has paid

lip service to it as justifica-

promises given to Zagreb dur-

ing negotiations for last

Spain is joining the ranks of European governments planning heavy budget cuts, writes Adela Gooch in Madrid

Commissions.

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tion for his cuts.

wings." said Antonio Gutiér-rez, leader of the Workers' PAIN'S new conserva-Stive government began to slash public spending yesterday, making 200 billion pesetas (£1.06 billion) worth ment got off to a shaky start on the EMU issue this week of cuts and a 30 per cent when the foreign minister, Abel Matutes, called for "the clock to be stopped" so that countries like Spain could reduction in senior civil service jobs, as part of its effort to qualify as a founding member of the European Union's planned single currency. The brunt of the reductions Although few analysts be-lieve that Spain, which cur-

will be borne by the public works ministry, but health spending and education are also possible targets. Pensions and unemployment ben-efit will not be touched, said

the economics minister, Rodrigo Rato, adding: "We

Nevertheless, when the out-going Socialist government tried to close down loss-making shipyards last year workers took to the streets, clashed with police and obtained a stay of execution.

Industries nationalised by General Franco, such as ship-yards, mines and steelworks, are now totally unprofitable and eat up 1.3 billion pesetas (\$690 million) of direct subsidies a year. The Popular Party is pledged to privatis-ing viable state concerns and killing the rest. Mr Aznar will tell the unions that he can either keep them alive or guarantee social security and

pensions, but not do both. As part of an austerity drive, he has introduced a new budget management office headed by a 73-year old academic, José Barea, already

liberals to the cabinet, like

the education minister,

Esperanza Aguirre, who

takes pride in being known as

Spain's Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Rato at first stood by Mr has also appointed economic



Going down a storm . . . Visitors take in the odd sight of part of a giant £350 million flood protection construction at New Waterway in the Netherlands. When finished next year and placed in the water, it should protect the people of Rotterdam from storm surg

The Guardian Saturday May 11 1996

Chirac in Bonn to calm Kohl

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DRESIDENT Jacques Chirac of France ar-rived in Bonn last night hoping to persuade Chancel-lor Helmut Kohl that Germany has nothing to fear from his overhaul of the French military.

The Germans were furious in February when Mr Chirac took them by surprise and announced that he was scrap-ping conscription and em-barking on a long-term defence review. He said it would focus on rapid reaction operations in far-flung trou-ble spots rather than on the traditional post-war defence of central and western Europe

against a menacing east. The German defence minis-ter warned this week that an end to French conscription could make Franco-German military co-operation "break apart". It would leave Ger-many with the only big con-script army in Western Europe — and Mr Kohl is firmly attached to the draft. Last night Mr Chirac was expected to brief the chancel-lor on his blueprint before the French government unveils military spending plans for the next five years on Mon-day. Given the austerity packages both leaders are seeking to impose to get their countries' public finances fit for a common European currency from 1999, Mr Chirac is believed to be proposing mili-tary spending cuts. Those could affect joint Franco-German hardware projects and further irritate the Germans. After the close pro-Euro-pean relationship between Mr Kohl and the late François Mitterrand, Mr Chirac's year in office has frequently sent the Franco-German axis spin-

ning slightly out of control. Mr Chirac's penchant for surprise solo moves — in nuclear testing, military rethinks, or Middle Eestern and Balkan diplomacy — has exasperated the Germans, since defence and foreign affairs are areas Bonn is keen to see "Europeanised".

But on the single currency and the European Union's constitutional reform conference in Italy, Mr Chirac has lined up behind Mr Kohl, not on all the details but in backing a "hardcore EU" of selected members pushing towards fuller and faster integration.

showing our firm commitwhen the markets plumment to budget discipline." meted. "I will not tolerate any Catalan nationalists, the stop on the clock," he said yesterday. But, with growth lower than the 3 per cent exmain group backing the minority conservative govern-ment led by José Maria Azpected so far this year, econonar, say that this is not enough to tackle the budget deficit. Under the Maastricht mists say Mr Aznar must cut deep and fast to stand any chance of qualifying for EMU criteria for European moneby 1999. He has offerd to begin talks with the unions next week on tary union this has to be reduced from 4.4 per cent in

the current budget year to 3 per cent by 1997. The unions, meanwhile, He is a new type of leader who 3 per cent by 1997. The unions, meanwhile, has distanced the unions from tax fraud and bureacratic signalled that they will not tolerate any attempt to reduce their Communist Party roots social spending. "We won't be and seems more willing to hiding our head under our compromise with employers. between all their demands.

World news in brief

Armani fined in trial deal

ACOURT fined the lead-mani gesterday and gave him a nine-month sus-pended sentence in a plea bargain at his bribery trial.

The Milan court ordered Mr Armani to pay 100 million lire (£43,000). Mr Armani said after the

judge's ruling: "I decided to plea bargain, even though I don't believe I am guilty of this charge, in order to close a chapter that has upset my professional serenity.

Court sources said Mr Armani, accused of paying 100 million lire to Milan tax inspectors in exchange for lenient audits on his fashion house, had repaid the money. He has said in the past that the money was extorted from him.

Eight other defendants were granted requests for plea bargains. The 10 remaining, including the top designers Gianfranco Ferre, Krizia, and Gianni Versace's brother Santo declined to bargain. Their lawyers said they wanted a chance to clear their names. - Reuter.

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of Chechen village RChechen town of Urus Martan with mortar and tank that military operations have stopped in Chechenia, but his forces on the ground continue fire overnight, the deputy head of the town's administo bombard villages. The Moscow-backed Chetration, Magomet Gaisul-

Russians resume shelling

chen administration's police claimed that there had been tanov, said yesterday. He said one person was wounded in the attack, which 16 attacks on security forces positions overnight in Grozny, in which one soldier destroyed buildings in the was wounded. A Chechen policeman was killed when his truck struck town, 12 miles south-west of Grozny, and at least five pro ectiles were found. a mine. Three people were murdered, including a 25-year-old journalist, Nina Efi-mova, and her mother. Their There was no confirmation of the blockade or shelling from the Russian side. Presi-dent Boris Yeltsin, who is

running for re-election on bodies were found o June 16, has repeatedly said day night. -- Reuter. bodies were found on Thurs-China escapes guerrillas holding 11 hostages in Irian Java, Indonesia, an

US sanctions

The United States announced yesterday that it would not to rescue the hostages. - AP. impose sanctions on China Nomads on move for allegedly selling nuclear weapons-related technology Thousands of nomads and tens of thousands of cattle were being moved to neigh-bouring areas after their pasto Pakistan, after China agreed not to make such sales in the future. "There will be no sano tures on the Mongloian steppes were devastated by four weeks of fires, officials tions," a US official said, adding that China "has agreed to said yesterday. -- Reuter.

make a public commitment not to provide assistance to unsafeguarded nuclear facili-Hizbullah blast

ties." - Reuter. South Lebanon Army was Fate uncertain killed yesterday by a roadside bomb, security sources said. Hizbullah claimed responsi-The fate of thousands of Liberian refugees was uncertain yesterday after the Ivory bility. - Reuter. Coast forced their freighter back to sea, despite fears that Swans perish

it is not seaworthy. It claims 2,000 guerrillas are on board, - Reuter. **Crash kills five**

region in 50 years has killed 469 swans. Only gifts of quilts provided to the birds by locals Five people were killed when prevented more deaths, Xin-a military helicopter crashed hua news agency said yesternear the jungle hideout of day. - Reuter.

hit Algerian Businessmen are calling for fiscal reform and reorganisa-tion of Spain's rigid labour terrorist aw, which makes it hard to network hire and fire. Mr Aznar, who promised to cut the deficit without eating Paul Webster in Paris into social spending, simply by eliminating corruption,

POLICE rounded up 46 Al-gerians in the Paris region and Marseille yester-day, breaking up an alleged

French raids

logistical support group chan-nelling forged identity docu-ments to Algerian Islamic ex-tremists. Cash and weapons were also seized.

Most of the arrests took place at an immigrant hostel in the Paris suburb of Nanterre, and the police have asked Scotland Yard to follow up leads revealed during the questioning of a science teacher, Salem Nassah, aged

Mr Nassah was arrested on Thursday, a few hours before the dawn raid - the latest of several in the past two years related to the GIA, the Islamic Armed Groups blamed for the terrorist wave in France last ear. Mr Nassah was allegedly in charge of a forgery group preparing passports and other identity papers for and other identity papers for members of the GIA under-

round in Algeria. Detectives said that the which were smuggled out of France in second-hand cars being exported legally, would have enabled members of the

rebel movement opposing the official said yesterday. He de-nied the helicopter was shot down by rebels while trying Algerian government to travel freely in Europe to recruit members or raise

Investigation into the international repercussions is likely to concentrate on London, the police said. The Islamic religious leader at the hostel, Abderram Kerroumi, was allegedly in contact with a suspected GIA support group in Britain. We are convinced we have

broken up an international network which could have A soldier in the pro-Israeli begun violent action at any moment on orders coming from abroad," a detective said.

There was concern that the roundup could affect the seven French Trappist monks kidnapped by the GIA in Al-The worst snowstorm in Chigeria on March 27. According na's northwestern Xinjiang to the bishop of Oran, Pierre Claverie, there is increasing fear for their safety. The GIA has said their safety depends on the the release of supporters held in Algeria and France.

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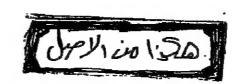
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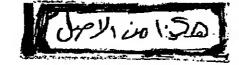
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PAUL WEBSTER in Paris (below) and IAN BLACK (right) on how Britain will welcome France's president next week

Wily Chirac opts for pragmatism

Aloof demigod or good sport?

head of state, Jacques Chirac gives the impres-sion of a distant satellite serenely circling the po-litical scene before sending out peremptory mascene out peremptory messages to mission base ordering sudden

changes of course. Closer to earth, the Elysée palace staff see the president in quite a différent light. He is a team player, fun to work with, rarely stands on cere-mony in private, loves listening to his advisers, however junior, and rules over what one of his aides describes as "a happy household". Neither the aloof star nor

the team player will be easy for the British government to deal with. A year ago Britain was speaking of the new Gaullist regime as the natural ally of the Conservative Party, impatient to weaken links with Germany and the European Union. Events have proved Mr Chirac un-predictable when to cosmic mode, while his preference for an unpompous working style suggests that a simple reception, with wine in plas-tic beakers with sandwiches, might be a better way to his convivial heart than the pomp and ceremony of next week's state visit.

Just over a year will have passed since his election when Mr Chirac reaches Waterloo station on Tuesday to be greeted by Princess Margaret. Only once in those months of office can it be said that he enthused over something British: the regular army. It is to serve as the model for a all-professional French defence force after 200 years of conscription.

He will no doubt have many kind things to say between meals at Buckingham Palace and walkabouts with the Prince of Wales.

But that is about as far as anyone would go in predict-ing whether he may be ready to repair holes in the *entence* cordiale, easing kingstanding tensions recently exacerbated by the president's precipi-tous, protectionist and unrelenting ban on British beer.

N HIS formal role as ("Pragmatism," he answered Tragmanism, he answered. The past year has shown just how much that single word represents a Chirac philoso-phy developed during two terms as prime minister and 17 years as mayor of Paris.

terms as prime minister and 17 years as mayor of Paris. A bruptly redrawing the po-litical map has become a mat-ter of routine. Nowhere in Mr Chirac's presidential cam-paign in May last year was there a serious debate on end-ing national service. Nor in-deed has there been much consultation about rejoining Nato's supreme command. Nato's supreme command, Nato's supreme command, restarting nuclear tests, restoring good relations with China, or launching a risky Middle East peace initiative. "In diplomatic matters, the control is to adapti it is cold

secret is to adapt," he said when called on to explain why he never explained, and it was because Mr Chirac has a reputation for changing his mind several times between breakfast and elevenses that the only clear diplomatic message in his electoral campaign was misinterpreted in London. He was and al-ways would be, he repeatedly said, a committed European and an enthusiastic supporter of the Paris-Bonn special relationship.

That commitment has taken him much further than expected and he has asked the French to make stringent eco-nomic sacrifices in a race to be ready for a single cur-rency. Jacques Delors, the Socialist former president of the European Commision, who could have been presi-dent of France today, has congratulated Mr Chirac on his Europeanism and even the Socialist Party leader, Lionel Jospin, who was runner-up last year, has described most of his international and Euro-

pean policies as positive. But on the home front Mr Chirac has reinforced his reputation as the master of tack and veer, since starting out on a sketchily defined social democratic course a year ago to tempt a hesitant electorate

tired of diluted socialism and the floundering conservaby the president's precipitation of the prime minister, tenting ban on British beet. A few days ago Mr Chirac witched voters of yesterday succintly answared a ques-



Leading roles...Chirac greets a French girl dressed as Joan of Arc during a ceremony in Orleans this week to mark the 567th anniversary of the city's liberation from the British PHOTOGRAPHMICHEL UPCHTZ

confused, not least, by three | more heavily to prepare for a | ment". Rightwing it may be, | been humiliatingly sidelined. contradictory economic pol- | European single currency. | ordinary it certainly is not. | No one hears much of Mr Balcontradictory economic pol-icy switches in 12 months This week's message reads: against the background of growing unemployment. Last May Mr Chirac's elec-

tion slogan was: Spend more government money and reduce taxes to create jobs. That soon became: Spend less

Because the prime minister Spend less public money and is there to protect the head of cut taxes to ensure both a state, Alain Juppé has taken better Europe and lower most of the opinion poll and

ladur, his main internal. Gaullist RPR rival a year ago, and Mr Delors has retired to the political pundit zone. unemployment, Mr Jospin, a cleverer econ-this policy roundabout as "or-unemployment and the polinder plan and the polinder plant are the systection knocks resulting with the right in control of from welfare cuts and unsuc-both houses of parliament for and his president are the and nearly all the most im-With the right in control of both houses of parliament for

Palace all set to dish up the beef

ACQUES CHIRAC will get red carpet treat-ment from the moment the Eurostar glides into Waterloo International on Theodou of the second states and the seco Tuesday afternoon. Princess Margaret will up to spite that pesky Jac-ques Delors in Brussels. Since then there has been close military co-operation in Bosnia, while highly se-cretive nuclear links,

greet the president and his entourage before they sweep off to Horse Guards to meet the Queen. British beef (de rigueur for

foreigners) will be on the joint targeting by British menu at a private luncheon and French missile subfor 60 at Buckingham Pal-ace, a contrast to the heavy formality of the rest of the four-day state visit. Traffic in the capital will

Britain, against 37 per cent for Germany — surprising if you consider the history of the 20th century, though not of the preceeding two. And these negative views are getting worse: 31 per cent of those polled thought

men than towards Span-iards or Germans. Igno-rance is a problem: 70 per

ing 15 minutes on Tuesday to pay homage to his mentor, Charles de Gaulle, at the general's statue in Carlton House Terrace, war-time headquarters of the Free French. On Thursday traffic-

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they are also close on those

European issues - immi-

gration, justice and drugs - which they prefer to deal with at the inter-govern-

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In a crowded schedule, President Chirac is devot-

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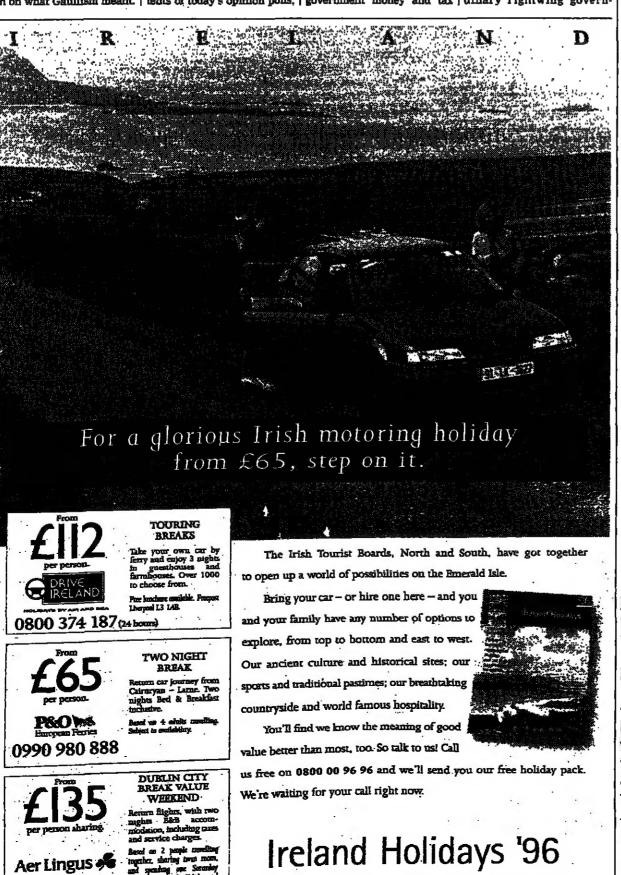
marines, are deepening — part of the explanation for Mr Major's warm support for French nuclear testing last year. be badly disrupted as car-riages and motorcades head Another part of it was historical: Britain and for Hampton Court. Wind-France are medium-sized sor. Westminster and the Guildball. Tricolour flags nuclear powers with colo-nial legacies, overseas interests and permanent seats on the UN Security Council. will be much in evidence. but cheering crowds are unlikely. It may only be three For countries which owe hours platform to platform — and political links betheir international posi-tions to past rather than tween London and Paris stronger than ever before current performance, it makes sense to stick - but there is little sign together. that the average Briton has given up his or her custom-ary bostility to the French. Leaving aside the divisive issue of monetary union, Polling evidence shows that old animosities die 'Chirac wants to hard. In time of war, Gal-lup found last October, Britons would trust France compare notes and see life's seamier

vote for Europe. Each got just 10 per cent against 46 per cent for the United States.

Only 26 per cent chose France as the chief ally of

Frenchmen arrogant (compared to only 10 per cent in 1977); 27 per cent thought them conceited. Mori's survey of attitudes in 1994 found Britons less friendly towards French-

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portant local election levers most unpopular conservative duo in the fifth republic. - the president has room for If there is no panic in the presidential palace it is be-

independent manoeuvre and intuitive scheming on a scale cause Mr Chirac still has six unknown since the fifth years in office (where will John Major be then?) and no republic was founded in 1958. His record in the past year one on the domestic scene to shows he means to use this challenge him. Most fifth re-publica presidents have had freedom. His home life, a saga of powerful rivals and critics

1994 which, by happy coin-cidence, marked the 90th trials that trump the Queen's breathing down their necks, but Mr Jospin has yet to build his national status, while François Mitterrand is in his grave and Valéry Giscard anniversary of the entente cordiale, the inauguration most horrible year, has also entered a tranquil period since his daughter and image adviser, Claude, gave birth to a son. Baby Martin is said to of the tunnel and a merciful end to the old joke: fog in channel, continent cut off. d'Estaing, a rightwing adver-sary of 20 years standing, has be the spitting image of his grandad.

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ried about his own bleak banlieues, leaves to tour Easterhouse, a deprived housing estate in Glasgow where he will meet young than their people are: both make much of the relationship, though the British do people involved in commu nity projects run by the Mutual liking peaked in

Prince's Trust. "President Chirac wants to compare notes and see the seamier side of life in a positive sort of way," vol-unteered a chirpy Foreign Office official. And that might even turn

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Heron Island can keep Manton in Derby picture

Dancer.

Ron Cox certainly not bred for speed and in the circumstances he did well to finish sixth behind.

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LIP ANCHOR, in 1985, and Kahyasi three Storm Trooper at Newmarket years later won the on his reappearance.

Tripleprint Derby That is solid form compared with Dovaly, who is stepping up from maiden company. Henry Cecil's colt Trial at Lingfield on their way to victory in the real thing at Eosom is not in the Derby, but he is certain to improve and might be more of a threat than Dis-Guineas, headed by Danehill It is unlikely we shall see a peat from any of the four assic entries in the race ed, who may struggle to lay, but success for Heron miss land would provide his amer Peter Chapple-Hyam get the trip, or Mystic Knight, who looked rather one-paced slower ground when only behind the Chapple-Eyam-sixth behind Mark Of Esteem ith further encouragement r the stable's number one trained High Baroque at Newbury. on the heavily-watered Row-ley Mile last week, he should Newbury.

rby hope, Nash House, who Cecil can win the Chamns at York next week. Chapple-Hyam has made no cret of the fact that Nash pegne Ruinart Oaks Trial for ing track. the third time in the past 10 Don Micheletto represents ouse figures some way ahead of Heron Island on the Manton gallops. But there is

Packer plans to privatise Oz room for improvement from the colt based on his form in public so far, and he can

A USTRALIAN racing could be split by a plan by Kerry Packer, the media tycoon, to Already there are signs that prove the point today. Though he only got home narrowly from Story Line in a set up a private horseracing circuit aimed at creaming off muddling three-runner affair at Salisbury last time, Heron Island should be a different a take from the incrative bet- for control and access to the proposition over this longer trip and with the likelihood of

ting market in Asia. The plan involves privately-built racetracks, satellite broadcasts into Asia and in-ternational betting. The faster pace. By Shirley Heights out of a iam who is a half-sister to the scheme would operate in

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The Classic scene shifts to also stay at home courtesy of France tomorrow, where Shake The Yoke (3.35), who trotted up by 10 lengths from Raisonnable over the Longchamp course and distance ast month.

Almost certainly racing on The Jockey Club yesterday stated there will be no changes to the much-maligned whip instruction H9, even in the light of growing criticism from some leading be better suited by this turn-

industry figures. It has been suggested that whip bans and fines against offending jockeys under the

Already there are signs that Packer's plans would divide the sport as each side battles Jockey Club disciplinary committee, reacted strongly: best horses, riders and jockeys. There are too many barriers for such a scheme to oper-ate in Britain, principally the legislation allowing off-course to last week's 2,000 Guineas.

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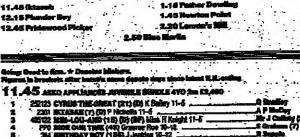
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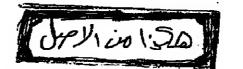
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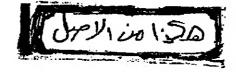
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Rugby Union WRU gets tough with club rebels

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ALES's 12 First Division clubs will have a showdown Welsh Rugby Union in Cardiff this morning after receiving an ultimatum to agree to play in officially organised compe-titions next season or face

The WRU has decided to get tough because of the clubs' refusal to take part in Euro-pean and Anglo-Weish compe-titions proposed for next sea-son. They have been offered 70 per cent of the money gen-erated which could be sporth erated, which could be worth £300,000 to each club. The 12 believe they could earn more going it alone and they want some control in the way the

competitions are run. Caught in the middle of the warring factions are Wales's leading players, who have been offered contracts both by the WRU and the First Division clubs.

The union last month of fered contracts to its squad players but had to rip them month. but there is no place at the decision.

PONTYPRIDD injected fresh uncertainty into the

three-borse race for the Hein-

eken League title last night by

forcing a draw with Cardiff at

Sardis Road that earned each

side an extra bonus point. Cardiff remain the leaders

but Ponty's determined surge

for the title, spearheaded by

their fly-half Neil Jenkins,

will give fresh hope to second-

placed Neath who play at Tre-

orchy today. The top three will settle the issue with their

final league games on

Both sides' commitment to

the Cardiff scrum-half, capi

talised on complacency in the

Ponty defence, picking up at

Tuesday.

Golf

up after a threatened nuttiny. The players objected to the wide differentials — some would have earned £30,000. The uncapped players are the subject to uncapped players are scrum-half Paul John. The uncapped players are the centres John Funnell and Dalydd James, the locks Mike others would have earned 130,000, others would have banked only £12,000, while those based in England would have received only a match fee — and all of them refused to

Voyle and Steve Ford and the flanker Kingsley Jones. The union responded by of-fering 16 players contracts worth £30,000. The players are

flanker Kingsley Jones, WALSS SQUAD: Backs: J Thermon, I Evans (Soth Linevilli, L Davies (Neath), M Davies (Linvolli) & Thormas (Bridgend), M Jonkins (Pontypridd), R Heavley (Bridgend), W Procker (Linvolli), S MM (Cardill), J Funners (Neath), A Thommas (Bridgend) W Proverse (Landill, S MM (Cardill), J Funners (Cardill, D Jamess (Bridgend) Forwards C Londer (Swan-Sonal, J Humphreys (Cardill, D Jamess (Bridgend) Forwards C Londer (Swan-Sonal, E Lewis (Soith Cardill, G Josses (Linvells, M Taylor, A Lewis (Soth Cardill, M Yoyle (Newport), D Arnold (Swansba), A Qübse (Newport), D Arnold (Swansba), A Gubse (Ebbw Vale), S Ford (Bridgend). having the contracts scruti-nised by a solicitor. They have also been tendered potentially more lucrative contracts by the clubs, said to be worth £35,000, but a condition is that they agree to be party to a breakaway. The chairman of First Div-

· Leicester's fly-half Jez Harision Rugby Limited Peter Thomas wants to see the WRU. ris and the centre Richie Rob-inson are moving to Coven-try. But Niali Malone has turned into a public limited company. "Unless something is done, Welsh rugby will fold," he said. "We are sick and tired of seeing players disappear from our game." Wales, meanwhile, are takrejected a move to the League Three champions, • Mike Coley, Gloucester's first full-time chief executive.

was yesterday sacked after less than a year at Kingsholm. ing five uncapped players on Coley, a 50-year-old former marketing manager at Twick-enham, said he was shocked

Heineken League: Pontypridd 27, Cardiff 27

sign.

Cardiff salvage draw to stay in pole position

Robert Armstrong

The decision by the Ponty captain Nigel Bezani to pa-rade the Welsh Cup before the kick-off had the desired effect of getting the 10,000 crowd into full voice each time the hosts took possession.

Once they crossed the half-way line, Ponty kept the ball the posts. in hand, a positive tactic that paid off handsomely in the 27th minute with a superb eight-pass move that saw Jason Lewis release Geraint Lewis for a try on the left. Shortly afterwards Jenkins

increased Ponty's lead to 13-7 with a confident penalty from 40 metres. Mike Rayer, the fast moving, flexible football Cardiff full-back, promptly yielded seven tries, two of which came in the opening five minutes. Andy Moore, only desperate Cardiff tackonly desperate Cardiff tack-ling prevented Jankins barg-ing through for another try. the Ponty scrum-half Paul John plundered his side's the base of a scrum and forc-ing his way over in the right John plundered his side's corner. A minute later Jen-third try, wriggling over the

a close-range try by Mark Spiller who dived over from a ruck. But Rayer's second penalty and a second try by Walker, who raced to the posts in the last minute, earned Cardiff the draw.

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Tennis

Young Martina tramples Graf's feet of clay

Stephen Bierley In Rome

OMEN's tennis is yearning for two things this summer. Reason to suppose her form the younger players. Martina Hingis, not yet 16. produced the tournament up-

set of the year yesterday after-noon with a 2-6. 6-2, 6-3 victory over the world's joint No. 1 Steffi Graf, in the quar-No. 1 Steffi Graf, in the quar-ter-finals of the Italian Open. "God for all and Steffi for the chosen," proclaimed a banner on the top tier of the Foro Italico's centre court. The excitable chosen gazed down with ever-growing disbelief and concern as their goddess of the court displayed all-too-human vulnerability. The abiding memory of this

match is not one of any par-ticular excellence by Hingis, although she played with wonderful maturity, but rather of a panoply of woeful unforced errors by Graf. Her co-ordination on court

was simply non-existent, with forehand after dismal forehand rushing wide or long. Much of the time, Hingis had only to keep the ball in. Injury and personal prob-lems have played their part, although Graf's tournament form has been good this year. However, she recently suf-fered a surprising defeat against Japan's Kimiko Date

in the Fed Cup. "Right now, I haven't a clue what the hell's happening out there," Graf admitted, while acknowledging that yester-

the Sultan Azlan Shah tour- | saving money but they have nament in Malaysia, writes | agreed to pay higher rents for revenue Malaysia last Saturday.

Soccer

have given Britain the chance to recover some credibility at city of origin as a way of kinen in a Mitusubishi.

their shared ground, the Delle Alpi stadium, in exchange for a share of the advertising

pion from Scotland, made full use of his skill, and survival

Ponty went two scores in front in the final quarter with

kins responded with an op- | line from an untidy ruck. portunist score on the left. | That setback sparked Cardiff

into producing the try of the match, perhaps of the season, six minutes after the break when Nigel Walker counterattacked from deep inside his own 22 and left five would-be

acklers sprawling as he weaved an 90-metre path to

champion from Brighton, will

Arena on June 8.

Emma-Jane Mac on Gringo jumped the only two unpena-lised rounds to keep the Royal

years, each time on a differ-

Basketball The Hemel Royals, who fin-ished last in the Budweiser League, have signed a 6ft 10in Anglo-Nigerian centre, Emeka Nwankwo, and resigned the Americans Allen

while Birmingham's Robert | sider, who was clear in each McCracken has been forced to | round but added 1.5 time penalties to finish second ahead. Pat Rowley. McGuire's first goals for Britain secured a 2-0 win over the Netherlands and of Di Lampard and Abbervail Dream, last year's runner-up. sent his team into the thirdplace match tomorrow, when they have the chance to avenge their 3-2 defeat by

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writes John Hooper in Rome. The clubs had threatened to become the first leading Euro-

Motor Rallying Colin McRae, the world cham-

Soccer Juventus and Torino have de-cided to play on in Turin, if only for another season, pery by heavy rain to take the lead in his Subaru Impreza, five seconds ahead of his pean sides to abandon their Finnish title rival Tommi Ma-

day's defeat was hardly the ideal preparation for the French Open this month. And yet when she took the

One is the return to fitness of Monica Seles; the second is the breakthrough of one of the younger players. smash was swept disdainfully past her by Hingis.

The Swiss teenager, whose serve has improved greatly this year, has the ability to choose the right shot on important points or, as Graf put it, "she has the exact feel of what to do". The German's serve lost rbythm and length. The end was beginning.

The second set slipped away with barely a murmur, the majority of Italians still expecting a rash of German winners. But Graf had now entered the slough of de-spond. Briefly, in the fifth game of the final set, she generated two forehands of im-mense power, the ball fairly fizzing off the ponderous clay.

But here was false hope for her chosen; they clasped their heads in horror and flung up beseeching arms as profligacy returned.

Today Hingis, who reached the quarter-finals of the Australian Open in January, will play Romania's Irina Spirlea, 22, who caused her own tremor yesterday by beating Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the world No.3, for the second

time this year. Pete Sampras has with drawn from the men's Italian Open next week in the wake of his coach Tim Gullikson's death.

Teen triumph ... 15-year-old Martina Hingis sweeps to victory in Rome BRUNO MOSCONI

Sport in brief

Boxing

Scott Welch, the British and Commonwealth heavyweight

fight the EBU champion Zeljko Mavrovic, an Englishtrained Croatian based in Germany, for the European title on the Prince Naseem Hamed bill at Newcastle

P J Gallagher has been told to make the first defence of his British super-feather-weight title against Charles Windsor. She was run close Shepherd by September 30 by Lisa Murphy on The Way-

scrap plans to defend his Commonwealth middleweight title against the Canadian Glen Odem by June 30 be-cause of a lack of television coverage. Equestrianism

Windsor Women's Champion-ship yesterday and achieve her third victory in nine

Koochof and Ray Schultz. Hockey Two corner goals from Ted-dington's Philip McGuire

E157.40. CSF: C101.82 Trocast: C202.01, NR: Anchorana. Rose Chume 4.000 4, SER-DNDIPTY, W Carson (7-4); 2, North Bong (4-4 inv); 3, Bierred (7-1); 8, Anna 4, (1) Control (7-1); 7, Control (7-1); 7 Szajedi: 64 M Brooka, 65 J Cook: 5 McCarron. 66 M Brisky: G Borca, 67 D Forsman: J Maggert, N Price (2001; F) Forsman: S Verplank; J Faryk S Joneor, S Eldington (Laus); C Pavin; M Radd, Alsee 68 S Rintoul (Aus); D Foherty Notor Sport INDOMESSIAN BALLY (Medan): First Gay Laadbog standings 1, Austra-tory Laadbog standings 1, Austra-tory Laadbog standings 1, Austra-Makmen (Fin) Toylot Celica 3, D6; 4, C Sahaz (50) Ford Escort 3, 29. Weekend fixtures Results **Rugby League** ------...................... (3.0 uniess stated; a-t = all-licket) Paul Fitzpatrick sees Murphy get tough Soccer Soccer FA CUP: Final: Liverpool v Man Uit. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First Division: West Harn v Oxfors Uid (11.0, Chadwell Health training ground). S-E COUNTIES LEAQUE (11.0): First Division: Totienham Hotapur v Watterd. 2. Third Division: Shrewsbury 5. Bury 0. AVON INSURANCE COMMUNICATIONS First Division: OPA 0. Chariton 2. Watord 1. Srighton 3. PONTERS LEAGUE Second Bradlord C 1, Preston 3, Loice WARRINGTON have fol-lowed the example of St Helens and told their players that they will not be allowed to play rugby union during the winter close season. Aler Murchet Warrington's **Rugby Union** Tennis Tomorrow Racing . Tomorrow ENDOLEIGH LEAGUE Piny-offic Semi-fissis, First leg: First: Charlton v C Pai-ico (a-0; Leicostar v Stoks (a-0; Seconds Bradford C v Blackool (a-1); Creve v Nota County (a-1), Thirds Colchester v Plymouth; Herelord v Dandee Und. Fissult's SCOTTEN LEAGUE First-off, Brat leg: Particle v Dundee Und. FA VABES Finals Edgs To v Cittleroe. LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Final: Ebbw Vale v Constits Quay FAI SENHOR CHALLENGE CUP: Final replay: St Putticle AR v Shelbourne. Daugeter League Cup HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE Firs Division: Pontyprid 27. Cardiff 27. SUPER 12: NSW 52. Weilington 25: North-ent Transval 35. Western Province 7 Contained of the second CARLISLE CARLISI E 2.10: 1, RECONDITE, K Darley (8-11 lav): 2, brandski (-11; 3, Reel Remanne (6-1) 8 ran. NK. 2 (M Channon) Tole: (1-40; C1:10, E270, Dual F: K.10, CSF: CL63: 2440: 1, JUST BOB, J Fortune (8-4 lav): 3, Roekermeker (5-1): 3, Finisterne (40-11, 12 ran. LK, K (5 Kettlewell) Tole: (2.50; C1:70, C280, CSS), Dual F: C1330, Tro: E234 10, CSF: (71328, NF: Kung Frode 2, 10: 1, SELHURSTPARK FLYER, F Roberts (7-1), 13 ran. 3 % (J Berry) Tole: C450; (7:50, C250, C300, Dual F: C12:00, Tro: C58,80, CSF: (19.41, Tricest D5531, 3, Sondertss (7-1), 13 ran. 3 % (J Berry) Tole: C450; (7:50, C250, C300, Dual F: C12:00, Tro: C58,80, CSF: (19.41, Tricest D5531, 3, 30: 1, FIRST GOLD, K Fellon (4-1); 2, Diet 11-2]: 3, Branchise Way (6-1), 2-1 (420, C140, C200, OSF, C23,72, 4.10: 1, MISTER WOODSTICK, K Davley Rugby League LINGIFIELD 1.50: 1, RUSSIAN MUSIC, R Courrane (11-10 bay): 2, Advantations (4-11: 3, Magor Dandes (11-4), 10: 10: nn. hd, 3: (Miss Gay Kellenary) Tois (2:80: C1:30, C1:50, C1:20 Dual F: C5:20, Throm 2:10, C3F: 55:31, 2:20: 1, CAVIAR FOVALE, Pai Eddory (4-0 tay): 2, Botton Park (20-1): 3, Bold Advison (10-1): 5, ZiDAC, Mr J Durtan (3-1 lav); 2, Montone (8-1), 3, Molte-misson (20-1), 11: ran, 15, 1, (F Maimon) Tote, C1:30; C1:10, C3:20, Dual F: C5:90, C3F: C16:54, 2:300; 7; ZiDAC, Mr J Durtan (3-1 lav); 3, Montone (8-1), 3, Molte-misson (20-1), 13: ran, 15, 1, (F Maimon) Tote, 54:10; C1:50, C2:00, C5:90, Dual F: C10:60, This C1:90, 10: C3F: 25:56 Tricast C365(09, NR: Cheveley Dancer, 3:20: 1, BOOTY TERM, G Bardwell (3-1 lav); 2, Date Valentino (15-2); 3, Walkini Boach (9-2), 9: ran, 16, 1, (1) Bradley) Tote C5:40, (1:20, C2:77, C2:00, Dual F: C3:50; Tricast C36, 10: C3F: C2:50, Tricast C37:6, 3:50; 1, JUDGENHERT GALL, F Norton (16-1); 2, Mazzarolia (13-2); 7-3 lav Diebiddale, 15 ran, 13, X, h. (P Howing) Tote C5:30; C1:00, C3:0, C4:20, C3:00 Dual F: C3:90; 10: Trio: C482; 40; C3F: C2:25:24; Tricast C1:00:30; 2, Ruwy (9-4 (h-lav), 3, Cene in Fhe Eige (85-1), 9-4 (h-lav) Javancan Fight, 9 ran, 14, h. (H Candy) Tote: C3:00; C1:30, C3F: C1:00 54 -506; 1; 3, Walking (100-30); 2, Ruwy (9-4 (h-lav), 3, Cene in Fhe Eige (85-1), 9-4 (h-lav) Javancan Fight, 9 ran, 14, h. (H Candy) Tote: C3:00; C1:30, C3F: C1:00 54 -506; 1; 3, 0; 1; 3, 0; 3, 1; 3, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 4, 1; 2; 4, 0; 5; 1; 5; 1; 5; 1; 5; 4, 1; 4; 1; 4; 1; 4; 1; 4; 1; 4; 4; 4; 1; 4; 1; 4; 1; 4; 1; 4; 4; 1 LINGFIELD OPTUS CUP: St George 2, Mahly 6." Alex Murphy, Warrington's pressure on Wigan when they football executive, said that travel to Halifax for what players could switch codes could prove a tricky assign-CrassProved SateLine (Loy-Dr-Solent): Miese Quarter-Finalis: It Nicklika (Gar) br N Wal-(GB) 7-6, 6-2" A Dapadis (Fr) br N Goodarz (Aus) 6-2, 6-3; J Dai-gado (GB) bi D Daper (GB) 6-3, 6-1: F Dooto (Uru) bi P Kidenry (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, Womac Semi-Scial J Ward (GB) bi M CAPTUS CLIP St George 2, Mainy e. GOIDS SPANISH OPEN (Misdrid): Second-rosend qualifiers (GR/ne unices stated; "amateur): 184 P Harrington 70, 64, 197 Wills ET, 70, P Haugsrud (No) 68, 69; G Brand Arr 70, 87; P O'Malley (Aus) 87, 70, 188 E Daroy 68, 70; P Linharl (Spi 70, 64, 189 S Grappasonni (II) 71, 65; M Litton 71, 66; J Coerres (Arg) 68, 70; P Muntz (Netri 197, 71; M Grondrog (Swa) 68, 70; P Mey (US) 71, 68, 166; L Q, FM Muntz (Netri 197, 71; M Grondrog (Swa) 68, 70; S Mey (US) 71, 68, 166; L Q, FM Muntz (Netri 197, 11; M Grondrog (Swa) 69, 70; S Mey (US) 71, 70; E Canonica (II) 69, 71; M A Jimenaz (Spi 73, 67; J Sandslin (Swo) 70, 71; G Otseres (Arg) 69, 72; S Ames (Trin) 71, 72; G Orie 72; E Claydon 71, 70; S Cape 69, 72; G Orie 69, 72; I Barrido (Sy) 71, 70; Napulal (Sp) 71, 70; C Mangleri (Swai 70, 71; F Golding 69, 72; S Ames (Trin) 71, 70; A Cabrera (Arg) 69, 72; C Rahmes (Trin) 71, 70; 73; J Robson 70, 72; P Baker 71, 71; S Gallacher 71, 71; A Collart 73, 68; P Eales 68, 74; M Ununctill 75, 67; T Price (Aus) 70, 71; J Robson 70, 72; P Baker 71, 71; S Gallacher 71, 71; A Collart 73, 68; P Eales 68, 74; M Ununctill 75, 67; T Price (Aus) 71; J Poisson 70, 72; P Baker 71, 71; G 71; J Robson 70, 72; H Bahrmann 68, 74; 73; J Cobson 70, 72; H Bahrmann 68, 74; 74; G Post (Den) 71, 72; A Laburmann (SA) 72, 71; J Poisson 70, 72; H Bahrmann 68, 74; 73; J Cobson 70, 72; H Mouland 73, 71; M Pinero (Sp) 73, 71; M Campbell (N2) 73, 71; P Price 71, 72; N C Cabrer 74, 72; A Hannee (SA) 74, 70; G Evans 72, 72; H Soxail 73, 71; P Price 71, 72; N C Cabrer 74, 72; A Hansen (Den) 74, 72; J Van de Vekie (Fr) 73, 71; P Price 71, 72; D Cabrer 74, 72; A Hansen (Den) 74, 72; J Van de Vekie (Fr) 73, 71; P Price 71, 72; D Cabrer 74, 72; A Hansen (Den) 74, 72; J C J A43 M - G Estnessia (Phil) 72, 71; D Reid 70, 73, 444 H Koch Panet (Sav) 76; 75; 70; 74; 74; A Hansen (Den) 76, 75; 70; 70; 70; 74; 71; 74; 75; 75; 77; 74; 75; 77; 75; 77; 75; 77; 75; 77; 75; 77; 75; 77; 75; 77; 75; 77; STRATFORD 5.15: 1, BENTONE, R Durwoody (4-7 14/); 2, Pools Errand (17-2). Two limitated 5 ran. 10. (K Balley: Toter 11:50. Dual F-1:90. CSF: E3:89. 6.40: 1, POTTER'S BAY, R Johnson (7-4 lav); 2, Swing Dustoi (4-1); 3, Sight'n Bound (100-30). 8 ran 4 23. (D Nuchekon) Four E3:30: 1:50. C1:60. C1:30. Dual F: E3:10. CSF: E3:03. 7:16:1, 8:AVARD DESU. C Llower-1:30. C3:50. C5:30. Dual F: C3:00. CSF: 1:50. C1:60. C1:30. Dual F: C5:50. CSF. C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40: 1, W SHOW OF FIREDOR, A P McCov (6-1): 2, 1:8:50. CSF F: C1:05. 7:40. C1:20. C1:20. C1:20. C1:20. 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SRU TENNEMTS V 556 FINALS (Murray-tick); Capt Watsonars v Hawick Rowit Edinburgh Acade v Selkirk (11.0). Statelic Carne v Shrting Co (12.45). Australian coach, said: "I fine win at Leeds last Sunday played back-to-back football when they overturned an 18-0 for five years and I know what the demands are. Rest is (J Wharkon) Tole: 14.30; C1 40; C2.00; C3.50; Dual F: E12:30; The: E030.00; C5: C23.72; 4.10: 1, MISTER WOODSTICK, K Darley (6-1); 2; Southinstruct (14-1); 2; Arabian Heights (12-1); 4; Yeoman Oliver (15-2); 1-2 lav Soldier Mel, 17 ran, Sh hd; Z (M Jarves) 7 obs: [17:02: L2:0; L4:00; 02:10 (24:0, Dual F: E155: 10, The: C296:30; C5F C107:21; Treast E1:26:05 4:467; 1, MSS CMARLER, R Laphn (14-1); 2; Talidah Belle (20-1); 3; Craismore Megic (25-1); 1-3 lev Palacegate Touch, 8 ran, 1, hd; (1 Wall) Tous (16:80; C2:0; 0.48; 0; C3:0; C10-1); 3; Craismore Megic (25-1); 1-3 lev Palacegate Touch, 8 ran, 1, hd; (1 Wall) Tous (16:80; C20; 0.48; 0; C3:0; C40, 7 ho; Noi won, CSF; C20; 23; NF Jungle Patrol S. 10: 1, PERSIAN SMOKE, Martin Dayar (10-1); 2; Lesthie (20-1); 3; Urban Dancing (5-1); 3-1 lav Zamhareor, 12 ran, 5; 15; (A Hide) Tole: C11.10; D5:0; 23:0; C5F- £178;D7; Tricast: C104381, NR; Sedvicta Uncle Doug PLACEPOT: C5-72:50; QUADPOTE D33:50; "We've had the centenary season and now the summer league and I want my players to be fully recovered by the time we get back to full training." Baseball essential. RATIONALL SI Louis 16, San Francesco 8; Fiorida 6, Colorado 2: Pittebargin 1, San Diego 7; Monireal 4, Houston 11, Asscratchis Milmaukee 17; Boston 2, NY 2, Deroit 4; Chicago 4, Baltimore 6; Teada 2, Toronto 8; California 2, Kansas City 8, **Rugby League** NATOMAL CONFIGURE MATOMAL CONFIGURE Hull v Wigan St Puricles (230); Woolston v Million (1) 01; Dulley Hilt V Egremont (1.0). Firsts Wainey Central v Eastmoor (2.30); Thornhill v Disham St Annes (2.30). Seconds Ovenden v York Acom (2.30); ALLIANCE Firsts Workington v Wakejield (2.30). Seconds Hunslei v Burrow (2.30); Whitehaven v Carlisie (2.0) Toomorrow training." 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St Helens's immediate con- paea, the 32-year-old Keighley cern is to consolidate their forward, has been appointed lead at the top of Super League while Wigan are succession to Steve Gibson, otherwise occupied in tomor- who was sacked this week.

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FAMOUS GROUSE

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WORLD LEAGUE: Amsterdam Admirats o London Monarchs (5.30); Frankfurt Gatas; v Scotlish Claymores (6.0) club.

Wire block union switches

ment on Tuesday night. The Broncos, though, go into this game buoyed by a fine win at Leeds last Sunday when they overturned an 18-0 be without their captain and

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FA CUP FINAL

He rants uncontrollably and winds up defenders but Alex Ferguson believes this has been his best season. Michael Walker meets United's goalkeeper

Schmeichel the screaming saviour

ICKING and Screaming may have been the title for the documentary series about the history of English football broadcast this season but it could just as easily apply to a book or film about Peter Schmeichel. But perhaps "Saving and Screaming" would be more appropriate. Or, better still, "Saving Screamers and then Yelling About It".

That would encapsulate the image the public has of Schmeichel. Away from Old Trafford it is fair to say the Manchester United goalkeeper is one of the least pop ular at Premiership grounds. His seemingly uncontrollable ranting at defenders winds up more than just those in front of him, although the fact that he is so frighteningly good plays its part too.

And, as Alex Ferguson said this week, Schmeichel is good when it counts, "He's pro-duced his saves at important times, at 0-0 and 1-0. Even at Bolton when we won 6-0 he made two important saves be fore we scored. You can make saves at 4-0 up and it doesn't matter a dicky bird but when you do it with no goals on the board that means something. 'In my mind this is his best

ever season. He's been abso-lutely outstanding." That tribute compares to

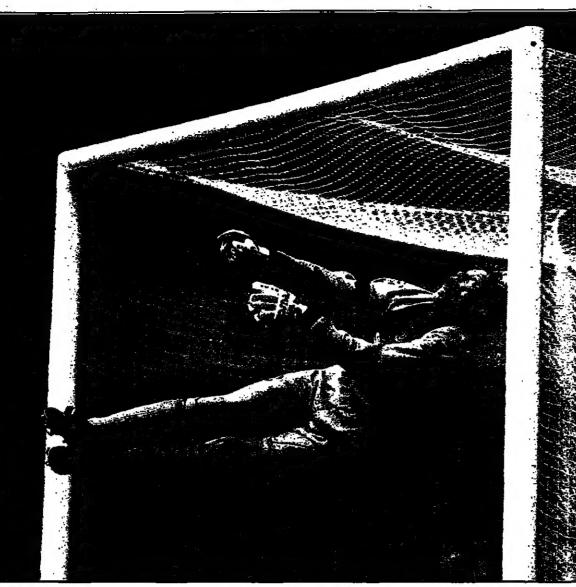
Brian Clough's assertion that Peter Shilton was worth 20 points a season to Nottingham Forest when there were only two points for a win. As Ferguson said, Schmei-

chel's interventions have come at vital times with turning points in games snowballing into pivotal moments in the seasor

Les Ferdinand clean through at Old Trafford with the score 1-0: Schmeichel saves. Sasa Curcic's shot at Bolton at 0-0: Schmeichel saves. Chris Armstrong, one-on-one with no score at Old Trafford in March: Schmeichel saves. And most signifi-cantly, Ferdinand put through by Asprilla at St James' Park: Schmeichel save

It was 0-0. United went on to win with the only goal courtesy of Eric Cantona but people will identify Schmel-chel's stops as critical in deciding the championship.

The giant Dane concurs in his curiously Molby-meets-



All holes barred ... Schmeichel's stops became pivotal moments in the season as United finally won the battle with Newcastle for the Premiership title PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

Merseyside accent. "I think lighted Schmeichel thinks it j was the old heads who that game was a turning point. We played extremely brought home the trophy. "At poorly in the first 15 minutes times the more experienced and gave them chances. players in the squad have had "But after that we really to play out of their skins to

outplayed them. We might not win 1-0 games. We have had a have played a fancy game. we just kept the ball, passed it around, let them get fruslot of young players so I think the experienced players have done tremendously well.

around, let hem we got the trated. And then we got the chance. Newcastle would have had two games in hand and a 12-point lead. Instead it was down to six." "The young players have been ever so good, shown a great appetite. I'd like to be 25 because these guys are going to win everything if they stay to win everything if they stay together." Even the European As Newcastle went in to a

rut United got into the groove Cup? "In time, yeah. Last and while the contribution of year you must have asked "the young ones" was high-'can they win the champion-

ship?' The answer was 'proba-bly'. So you never know." At 32, Schmeichel has a few ears left, but attributes his impressive season to the fact that "basically I've had more to do" rather than an improvement in his game.

He does, however, use the word "mature" to describe himself now, "You get older and you change your attitude. When I was young I was only thinking of me. Today I don't care about personal honours it's what we can achieve as a team. If I wanted personal honours I should have been a 100-metre runner.

wouldn't be able to play because that's my way of concentrating. You should see Pally and Bruce's faces they're worse. For them and for me, it's just an expression

that we're in the game." But Schmeichel insists that this afternoon he will be relaxed and enjoy himself. "That's the thing about this team, even the young players all seem so relaxed before the

How does this maturity ac-count for the apparent goal rage he displays on the field? "If I wasn't like that I go for your suit, you get your ing. I thought he was going to cross the ball. Fowler did well there but he's not going to do that again. "He's a good striker but go for your suit, you get your picture taken, it's a brilliant three days." this country has a lot of good

However, there is one man strikers. Denmark are going in particular who could spoil his day — Robbie Fowler. The young striker has scored four to the European Champion-ships with three strikers maybe, England have about times against United this eason.

20. Every team has a good striker, it's like a trade mark for the Premiership." Mention of the name produced a flutter from the Dane Schmeichel has his own With one of his huge paws he motioned towards the Old trade marks. The charging, starfish lunge; the "it's not my fault" screaming; and, in-Trafford pitch: "The goal that game. You wouldn't believe I let in here (high at the near the atmosphere if you could post), that was bad goalkeep creasingly, those turning points.

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fona speaks publicly all season, and he is misonoted. Mon Genius must be wondering why he broke his silence in the first place. After picking up his soccer writers' Footballer of the

Year award at a dinner on Thursday night, Cantona gave a little speech. It became a big story. At least in one hard-of-hearing national newspaper.

"Eric Cantona launched an amazing attack on his critics last night by branding them 'toilets'," sang their back-page lead. It then quoted the Frenchman as saying: "Some criticism means nothing, so I compare some of them to toilets and think 'screw them. But others are worth listening to and I have tried to do better."

To ram home their outrage the paper accompanied that story with a full-page article inside headlined: "Eric's Gone Mad Again"

Mois non! What Eric actu-ally told the 750-strong audience was: "Some criticism means nothing, so I threw them where they deserve to be - toilets. Some others are something, so I try to use them to become better.

It is a safe bet there will have been an extra flush of the Cantona loo yesterday. Hundreds of Manchester United and Liverpool fans could discover that their Cup final tickets are stolen or forged - and end up arrested. Officials are on alert following a recent break-in at Old Trafford and the theft of more tickets in the Liverpool

The Wembley stadium director Paul Sergeant said that many fans run the risk of being ejected from the sta-dium if they attempt to use the stolen tickets.

"Every FA Cup final ticket is recorded," he says. "We know exactly which tickets were stolen and anyone coming in with one of those will be stopped and probably ar-rested. There is also the danger of forged tickets, which again are easy for us to spot."

THE SCORING HABIT: Two crucial goals on the road to Wembley

David Lacey



Manchester Utd v Sunderland Third round Old Trafford, Jan 6

Manchester United's opening goal epitomised the ex-cellence of their passing and movement as well as Cantona's astute footballing brain. Having taken a ball from Irwin, the Frenchman exchanges passes with Keane, squares to Butt and sets off on a run across the penalty area, taking defenders with him. Butt, meanwhile, lays the ball off to Cole and runs beyond the defence before meeting Cole's lobbed return pass with a first-time shot into the net.

and Andy Cole again on the bench. But while May looks certain to keep his place

Cole's instant goal at River-

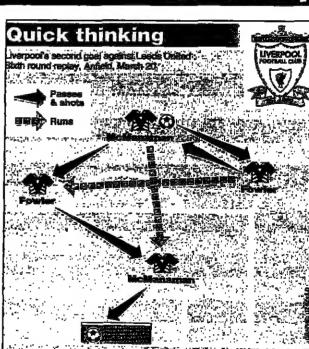
Both defences are strong

Cantona ... astute

Pretty passing United's opening goal age COC Runs

Liverpool v Leeds United SCOPE.

Sixth-round replay Anfield, March 20 This goal proved that there is more to Robbie Fowler's game than just scoring roals. With the defence holding off, and Fowler to his left, McManaman pauses as he approaches the penalty area. A pass to Fowler draws two defenders on to the striker, but instead of turning for goal Fowler slips the ball back to McManaman and runs square for another return. By now the defence is completely flummoxed. McMan-aman finds Fowler once more, then sprints through a yawning gap to meet Fowler's second pass and



Fowler . . . draws defenders

Keane and Butt the men to disrupt Liverpool's stride

David Lacey

ATCH a counterpuncher against a combination puntriguing bout is virtually guaranteed. This, as much as the quality of the individual talent on show, is why many believe that today's Cup final will remain longer in the memory than most. miership at Middlesbrough on Sunday, which would mean David May preferred to Steve Bruce at contre-back

Yet it will surely be in Manchester United's interest, es-pecially early in the game, to deny Liverpool opportunities to use the full range of their rinecraft. And this can only be achieved if United set up a series of midfield clinches.

side, after replacing Paul Scholes early in the second So while Eric Cantona and half, may see him back on the Ryan Giggs may eventually upstage Robbie Fowler and field at the start today. Roy Evans's Liverpool team has virtually picked itself. He really only had to decide be-Steve McManaman. the most important players for Man-chester United at the outset tween Babb and Neil Ruddock will be Roy Keane and Nicky for the third place at the back. Butt, the men most likely to deny Liverpool the measured but not invulnerable, and neitempo at which they will set out to play the game.

ther can fully provide for what Fowler or Giggs might do next. What McManaman can achieve with a run Can-United's last two finals have not seen Alex Fergu-son's team at their best. Cheltona can equal with a glance. sea were the better side be-Both beams have scoring po-tential in midfield. But Manfore the interval in 1994 and while Giggs began to get go-ing after half-time it took two chester United have the betpenalties from Cantona to ter goalkeeper which could, break the resistance of Glenn in the end, prove decisive. Hoddle's team.

• A N Other (page 19): Stuart Pearson (Hull City, Manches-At Wembley last season minus Cantona and with ter United, West Ham).

Giggs used only in the second half, United failed to respond to the inspiration Anders Limpar had given Everton and lost to Paul Rideout's PETER SCHMEICHEL Probably the best goalkeeper in rustiness on the ground. 30th-minute goal. Today they the world, despite a recent lapse Marks: 7

could do worse than emulate the tenacity with which Joe with Denmark. Schmeichel has underwritten United's success PHIL NEVILLE Potentially the younger Neville Parkinson and Barry Horne steadily eroded the influence under Alex Ferguson and Liverbrother is the nearest thing Engpool must get in close to beat him unless Fowler, Collymore, land have got to a Christian Ziege, the Bayern Munich wingof Keane and Paul Ince. Ferguson could start with McManaman, Barnes or Redback. Today he will seek both to stop McAteer overlapping on the the team that won the Preknapp can produce an inspired

ong shot. Marks (out of 10): 9 DENIS IRWIN

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GARY PALLISTER

DAVID MAY

three-man defence has not Generally acknowledged to be the best full-back in the Premier Marks: 8

League, Irwin has proved his versatility by switching from left DAVID BECKHAM

The best of Beckham is yet to to right in United's back four to come but already, creatively, he looks the most gifted of United's ommodate Phil Neville. He will be responsible for keeping latest crop. He has skill in abundance, and the composure to go with it and should prove a handful for Jones on the right. May's future at Old Trafford Marks: 8 looked uncertain when Fergu-NICKY BUTT son, having bought him as cen-Butt's midfield partnership with tre-back cover for Bruce, started Roy Keane has matured steadily playing him at right-back. But as the season has progressed during the run-in to United's He has a spiky temperament but latest title he has proved his

Liverpool right while exploiting

any space behind him that the

is lamblike compared to Keane original worth several times and Paul Ince. More importantly he has both a quick eye for the penetrating pass. Marks: 8

Pallister's recent return after a ROY KEANE

spell out with sclatica has It is important for United that restored the strength in the air that numerous permutations of booked for rash tackles early on, Keane curbs a tendency to get the other centre-backs could not because he is the player most replace. Liverpool will hope that likely to deny Liverpool their Collymore, Fowler and McMana-

Liverpool nan are able to exploit any jusual rhythm. As crucial to this DAVID JAMES season's championship triumph Liverpool's most improved as Cantona, Giggs and Schmeichel, Keane could hold the key

player this season, James has cut out the blind dashes beyond to another Double, the near post that cost several goals. He still fails to hold the Marks: 8 RYAN GIGGS odd ground shot, which would be costly today, but he has This season has seen a better Giggs than ever. In full flight he offers one of the most exciting sights in the modern game. His Marks (out of 10): 8 pace alone will threaten Liverpool's defenders, James's judg-ment will be crucial in meeting JOHN SCALES his centres, and he is in ominously good shooting form.

ave been consistent qualities at the back all season. He will be Cantona's two iclly taken penalthe man to pick up Cantona on Liverpool's radar and stop the ties helped win the 1994 final, Frenchman doing damage and if he approaches today's where it hurts. Sarks: 8

MARX WRIGHT

game with the degree of detach-ment shown post-kung-tu Liver-pool will need to keep track of his drifts into dangerous areas. The season's most remarkable And he has already scored against Liverpool this season Cole's goal as a substitute at Middlesbrough, and his speed in the back getting behind defenders, may Marks: 7 yet see him starting the final. Despite his frustrations in the PHIL BABB

Roy Evans will have thought hard before preferring Babb to Neil Ruddock. Maybe the threat of Andy Cole's extra pace helped him decide. Babb is a competent centre-back but has

pool's conversion to a threealways been a good shot-stopper and if he has a good final United will find it hard to score. man defence with five in midield, McAteer has steadily improved after a gauche start. Now he is as crucial an attacking force on the Liverpool right as is Phil Neville on United's left The unsung hero of Liverpool" Today, however, he has to keep three-man defence, Scales's pace and sensible approach Giggs in check. Marks: 8 JAMIE REDKNAPP

A strained hamstring interrupted Redknapp's outstanding season just when he was settling into England's midfield. He has yet to recover that level of form.

Marks: 8 JOHN BARNES

Marks: 7

JASON MCATEER

comeback. No longer an acci-A dozen years have passed dent waiting to happen, Wright's Barnes was playing for Watford against Eventon in an FA Cup final. His role today will be rather career has revived on the wrong side of the 30 principally be cause his sweeper's tendencies are ideally suited to the way Roy different to what it was then, though equally important, Evans's side wants to play it at Barnes is there to hold the ball and give Liverpool pause for thought. And he can still take a useful free-kick

Marks: 7 **ROB JONES**

The success of Jones's conversion from right-back to leftsided midfielder has strength

not always looked comfortable ened an area of weakness in Liverpool's adoption of a Euro-pean format. His principal job today will be to limit Beckham's in this system. He will be happler for Rob Jones's presence on the The final, crucial, piece in Liver-

movements, keep an eye out for Giggs's switching of wings and support McManaman. Marks: 8

STEVE MCMANAMAN

The player most likely to precipitate a Liverpool victory today. McManaman's ability to take the ball past defenders on angled runs will offer the biggest initial threat to United, who will not have forgotten his goals against Bolton in last season's Coca-Cola final.

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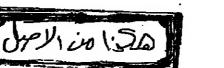
STAN COLLYMORE His metamorphosis from outand-out striker to Robbie Fowler's most natural foll will give United problems in decid-

ng who tracks Collymore down when he goes deep. There is also the small problem of his penchant for shooting on sight from long range. Even Schmeichel may be surprised. Marks: 8

ROBBIE FOWLER

Fowler could win the Cup for Anfield with an inspired moment or two near goal. His nerveless approach and his natural scorer's instincts make him the player most likely to deny Old Trafford another Double. Marks: 9

TOTAL: 87



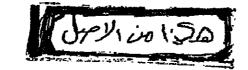
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Stan Collymore talks of life at Liverpool to **Richard Williams** Photograph by Michael Steele

coach from the training ground with an Armani bag containing the cream suit that the Liverpool players will wear on the ride to Wembley; and he smiled when an agent stepped forward to announce that the squad's new record had gone straight into the top five. But then came a quick grimace as he was reminded a storm of abuse. of a less appealing task.

"I'm going to feed you to the wolves now," the PR woman announced cheerfully, steergame against Hungary. The unease of his early months at Anfield came to ing him up the stairs towards Anfield's executive lounge. Anneld's executive lounge. months at Anneld came to "Tm just going to answer yee and no," Stan Collymore told har, in his West Midlands whine. Not promising, one thought. Five minutes later Colly-more was facing a battery of incurieitors talking with a re-

inquisitors, talking with a partition or to give him an idea tience and good humour sur-of what they wanted. prising to those familiar only "We waren't happy," Roy with the outline of his short Evans said on Thursday.

E CAME off the promotion and a place in | to bland into the team, or | them before he arrived - Ja | before. So there are times | he said, "and I've developed Europe, not to manfion a 26 whether the team should ad million profit. But by the time just to him. "I think it's got to he shook the dust of the City be a bit of both," Evans con-John Scales, another team-Ground from his feet, Colly-more had forfeited the goodcluded. "Some you win and some you lose, but the conver-sation went well and Stan mate, observed that too much had been made about Colly-more's insistence on keeping will of his team-mates and the Nottingham public, who wel-comed him back in his new colours a few weeks ago with his home in Cannock, an

For Collymore, the season brightened as he established himself alongside Robbie Fowler in Liverpool's stack. "It's gone exceptionally well," he said this week. "Person-ally, I've been happy with the way I've played since the turn of the year." His acclimatization was His two England caps are no guarantee of a place in the Euro '96 squad; last week he was ominously relegated to standby status for Saturday's

> 'I think I've played four games against Manchester United – and never lost'

when our teamwork suffers. But we've got so many match-winners that we can win a game even when we're not playing well. And Stan is one of those." "I think he realised that he

had to change," Scales said. "Now he drope deeper, picks the ball up, and drifts wide to provide the assists for Robbie and others. It's benefited his all-round game and it doesn't seem to have taken the edge off his scoring."

Back in December, Collymore was also critical of Liverpool's patient passing game Even now, looking shead to next season's appointments in Europe, he believes pa-tience and possession alone are not enough. "It's not as simple as just

an understanding with the team, I think that less and less. As you get older, your perspective changes." Collymore's new positive attitude fits in with his manager's philosophy. starting to grasp the idea that we've got to work hard in English football if we're going to regain our status in Europe," Evans said. "Id be wrong to say that Stan's the

finished article when it comes to the defending side, but he'll get better because he's prepared to learn." Collymore has always been a more altruistic player than his reputation suggests; be-fore Fowler, Bryan Roy often reaped the reward of his vision. But there is nothing like scoring a goal, and Collymore remembers his strikes for bolding the ball," he said remembers his strikes for "You've got to be able to probe and attack in the right United with particular pleaareas. When Brondby came sure, notably the wonder goal **SPORTS NEWS 11**

Liverpool's 75-year wait

O FAR Manchester United and Liverpool have met a dozen times in the FA Cup. uvites David Lacey, counting replays and the fact that United began life as Newton Heath. Liverpool have won twice. the last time in the 1920-21 season. This is only the second time the clubs have faced each other in an FA Cup final.

1897-98

Second round (with replay) **Liverpool 2, Newton Heath 1**

After a 0-0 draw, goals from Wilkle and Cunilifie beat United's forerunners, Collinson scoring for Heath. Liverpool then forced a 1-1 draw at Derby, only to lose 5-1 at home,

1902-03 First round

Manchester United 2, Liverpool 1 Two goals from Peddle, to one from Raybould, took United through. Then they went to Everton and lost 3-1.

1920-21

round.

First round (with replay) Manchester United 1, Liverpool 2 Liverpool's last FA Cup victory over United to date followed a 1-1 draw at home. Lacey and Chambers scored the goals. Partndge replying for United, but Newcastle bast Liverpool 1-0 in the next

1947-48

Fourth round (at Goodison Park)

Manchester United 3, Liverpool 0

After another long gap nothing much had changed. This was United's first outstanding post-war season and goals from Rowley, Moms and Mitten pointed them towards Wembley.

1959-60

Fourth round

Liverpool 1, Manchester United 3

By now Bobby Chariton was on the scene and getting two of the goals in this tie with Bradley getting the other. Wheeler scored for Liverpool. But in the next round United went out 1-0 to Sheffield Wednesday.

1976-77

Final

Manchester United 2, Liverpool 1

Liverpool were clear favouritee to best Tommy Docherty's team and complete the middle part of a League, FA Cup and European Cup "We're treble. Case, who equalised after Pearson had accred, was out-standing, but Jimmy Greenhoff's deflected shot still won the Cup for United.

1978-79

Semi-final (with replay)

Manchester United 1, Liverpool 0

This semi-final produced Two gripping games but no break in the prevailing pattern. After a 2-2 draw at Maine Road Jimmy Greenhoff's late header won the replay at Goodison, only for United to lose to Arsenal at Wembley.

1984-85 Semi-final (with replay)

tract and his playing contract extended to June, 1998. Clive Berlin is taking over

Chris Wright, the 50-year-

tipped to take over. But he

has failed to meet Thomp-

gated club,

director.

Manchester United 2, Liverpool 1

More drama, this time after a 2-2 draw at Goodison with the replay at Maine Road. There, an own goal by McGrath gave Liverpool the lead only for Robson and Hughes to take United back to Wembley, where Whiteside did for Everton.

went out and started to play." hour's drive from Amleid. "When I played for Wimble-don," Scales said, "there were players living in Hemel Hempsteed, in Berkshire, all over the place. In London no-body would think twice about it. I don't think anybody cares where someone lives." His acclimatisation was, said John Barnes, the club's explained, was Liverpool's

but turbulent career.

Crystal Palace, he rediscov-ered himself at Southend be-fore Frank Clark paid £2.5 million to take him to Not-

"There were things said that we'd prafer to have kept in-house. So I pulled Stan in, and he supported as a boy, he walked out on Walsall before establishing himself with Stafford Rangers in the Very hall Conference. A misfit at Crystal Palace, he rediscov-ered himself at Southend be-him. The answer was yes. So

we had a starting point." Then they faced the questingham Forest. His 50 goals tion of whether an 28.5 mil-in two seasons gave Forest lion man should be expected

senior pro, just a question of time. And the problems had nothing to do with relationships in the dressing-room an inevitable assumption. given Collymore's history at Selburst Park and the City Ground, where the rift grew so wide that he would score a goal and find nobody pre-pared to shake his hand. "I don't think Stan ever had

a problem with the players here in the way he did at For-

playing style. "If you look at the way Forest play, they give their two attackers the ball here they defended and said: and let them get on with it. But at Liverpool we have attacking players all through the side. So Stan wouldn't get as much of the ball, or he would have to do different things, which be found hard. "We've had to adapt to

Stan, and Stan's had to adapt to us. This is not a typical Liv-erpool team. There are more est," Barnes said. "In fact be was friendly with a lot of the side than we've ever had

Right, you've got to try and break us down.' The next step team to win a league match at is learning how to do that. The chance is there this summer, to watch how the best players in Europe do things." Early in the season he worried that a more flexible role, involving making chances for Fowler and undertaking the defensive duties always incumbent upon Liverpool for-wards, might rob him of the

Old Trafford in the past two years. He also remembers the eight saves Peter Schmeichei made from him at Anfield last December, "keeping them out with his legs and his shins and all sorts" in a match Liv-

that made Forest the only

arpool won 2-1. "I think I've played four games against Manchester United and never lost," he said. "So I'm going to Wemchance to explode at will. bley with a lot of confidence. "But as the season's gone on," | I'm a lot happier now."

ourselves, and clubs such as

Liverpool and Manchester United, could also get tick-

Police yesterday confirmed that the two people arrested

Cheisea go Dutch as Gullit moves up as player-manager

ChellSEA last night an-frounced the appointment of Ruud Guilit as player-man-minute meeting with the viceager in succession to Glenn Hoddle. The Dutchman has been given a two-year conchairman Geoff Dumford."

Ward steered the West Country side to the Second Division play-offs last season where they were beaten 2-1 by Huddersfield at Wembley but this season they missed out

on Monday as chairman of QPR following the decision by the chief shareholder Richard QPR's former Rovers midfielder Ian Holloway is the Thompson to sell the relefavourite to take over as player-manager old chairman of the media company Chrysalis, had been

Graham Rix, tipped to fol-low Glenn Hoddle into the senior England set-up, has been drafted in to coach the Under-21 squad in the Toulon tournament from May 24 to

son's asking price. Berlin, who was QPR's foot-ball administration manager, June 3. takes over the chair from Peter Ellis, who remains a The Chelsea coach has been called in by Dave Sexton as his No. 2 because QPR's

·Bristol Rovers have parted player-manager Ray Wilkins with their manager John is unavailable.

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(Answer on page 18, column 2) Humbersider who won two Last week: Arnold Muhren FA Cup medals with different teams. When he was not (Twente Enschede, Ifswich scoring he was often limp- Town, Manchester United).



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Phillips breaks silence

Murths Thorpe

REVOR PHILLIPS broke his silence over the Euro '96 ticket row yesterday to deny allegations that he approved the sale of tickets to unauthorised companies. And in answer to the ques-

tion, why then did he resign as the FA's commercial director, his solicitor Nicholas Bitel said: "He thought at the time it was the proper thing to do, right for the FA and the tournament. But now he asks himself why did I resign?' behimself why did I resign? be cause that gesture has been iaken the wrong way." In a statement issued through his solicitors, Phil-lips added: "I was unable to continue in my role following but I am sure that I have done nothing to be ashamed of. I official ticket agents, for tick-ware much respect the wild design in the set of the set of the three spurious allegations.

"I did not tell them that speculation that has arisen they were authorised to re-sell tickets and an very sur-prised to see it suggested by ets." said Hamer. following my departure from the Football Association."

Last week's police raid on one report at least that the police consider that the FA have authorised anyone other than Synchro, Keith Prowse 11 companies suspected of selling unauthorised hospitality packages for Euro '96 led to three firms claiming that Phillips had cleared them to ecoive tickets. However, Phillips said yes-terday: "I have seen it sug-gested that I personally have

such authorisation nor in-deed would it have been my authorised a number of comresponsibility to do so." panies, other than the official corporate hospitality agents, Keith Prowse and Sports-

He added: "The speculation over my departure has been very troubling to myself and my family."

up. "We were told that other legitimate organisations like

FA probes Stubbs deal

world, to sell tickets for Euro

'96 matches. This is untrue.

lan Ross and Patrick Glenn

IFA is likely to investifer deal that made Alan Stubbs the most expensive player in Celtic's Within hours of the Bolton Wanderers' defender completing his £3.5 million move to Parkhead, it was alleged that an unlicensed agent, or agents, had helped broker the deal. Under Fifa's strict code of

conduct on transfers, any club that knowingly does business with unlicensed agents faces severe penal-ties. Clubs, and players, found to be in breach can be suspended from their do-

mestic league and fined heavily.

As Stubbs was being in-troduced to the media at Parkhead yesterday, an un-named agent who is offiments will be forwarded to Fifa's disciplinary section. The transfer ends a 10month pursuit of Stubbs by cially registered was lodg-ing a complaint with the Scottish FA. The complaint is believed Celtic's manager Tommy Burns. The 24-year-old de-fender has signed a five-year contract and will have to question the part played in Stubbs's transfer by his two financial advisers, Ian and Nell Rioch, brothers of cost Celtic around £5.5 million, including wages, when he completes his scheduled time in Glasgow. Burns is also pursuing Paolo di Canio, the Milan the Arsenal manager Bruce Rioch. The Football Association was told immediately of de-velopments and will write to Bolton seeking their ob-servations. "We have been made aware of the possible involvement of an unli-censed agent," said the FA Canio, who has one year left on his contract.

midfielder, who will be allowed to leave if he can agree terms with Celtic. It is understood the clubs have agreed a fee of just under £1 million for Di

spokesman Steve Double. • Steve Jones, the former If, after studying Bolton's West Ham striker, has response, the FA believes returned to Upton Park there may be a case to from Bournemouth in a answer, all relevant docu- £200,000 move. answer, all relevant docu-



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in the NSC raid, Hamer and Jane Morgan, will not face prosecution and Euro '96 will allow them the disputed tickets.

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One of the three companies involved is the National Sporting Club. A director, Stephen Hamer, said on Thursday that he met Phillips in June last year and was told there would be tickets avail-able other than through the two avenues the FA had set

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Cue the action ... Wembley's alternative linesmen mark out the pitch for today's final when Manchester United will attempt to win their second Double in three years to a grand

United in search of the final triumph

David Lacey on today's Cup final, which should provide a fitting end to the season

NGLISH football has (earned itself a bonus pool are seeking their sixth Cup triumph; their manager, Roy Evans, his first. this season that Wembisy and a global tele-vision audience will hope to An enthralling contest is expected, and a replay on Thurs-day a possibility. The teams share today. Liverpool and Manchester United, who with know a lot about one another. Newcastle have done so much to produce the most entertain-The managers. Evans and Alex Ferguson, believe they ing championship in years, meet in an FA Cup final that promises to provide a glorican read other's thoughts. Evans, in fact, is an open book so far as today's Liver-

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ous coda. United, only the third club pool team is concerned. He announced his side yesterday this century to appear in afternoon, with Phil Babb three successive finals, are preferred in defence to Neil hoping to become the first Ruddock, leaving only the ever to complete the Double of substitutes in doubt But it league and Cup twice. Liver- | will be surprising if Ian Rush | prince among foxes when it |

is not on the bench, hoping to comes to pre-match mind Ferguson's team had hit a make his last appearance for games, is playing his usual trough. They will try to do the trick of keeping the opposi-Liverpool in the grandest trick of keeping the opposisetting.

tion guessing. If Evans's choice of Babb, often a weak Ferguson will reveal his hand only an hour before the kick-off but may well recall Andy Cole, who was recently link in Liverpool's three-man defence, has been influenced by a concern about Cole's pace Ferguson will have al-ready won an important prerelegated to the bench after continually missing the sort of scoring chances he was signed from Newcastle to final victory. Should there be a winner the instinct is

take. The alacrity with which Cole came on at Middles-brough early in the second half last Sunday, scoring with his first touch the goal that virtually assured United of another title, could persuade Fargueson to hing him back this afternoon the instinct is to go with a United side that has just won the Premiership title for the third time in four seasons and, in league and Cup, has won 18 of its last 30 matches

Liverpool have twice out-passed United this season but Ferguson to bring him back in place of Paul Scholes. Either that or Ferguson, a have beaten them only once, and that shortly before Christmas at a time when same today, and in Robbie Fowler, Stan Collymore and Steve McManaman have an ssive trio of potential match-winners. And Rush, who is likely to be on the bench, also knows a little bit so far defied detection.

about winning Cup finals. Against that United will pit the wit of Eric Cantona and the wizardry of Ryan Giggs, which up to now Wembley has witnessed only in patches; a tantalising glimpse against Chelsea two years ago and a delayed entrance against Everton last season. Few Cup finals will have been enriched by ao much

These over-hyped Cup fin-als are often disappointing, young English talent. For Fowler and McManaman read David Beckham, Nicky Butt but with United in the Champions' League next season and Liverpool therefore as-

time to time. They have even been known to kick specta-tors. But while they often ar-gue with referees, instances of officials being manhandled are rare in the upper leagues, although down below, among Today Liverpool's creche ought to be the less nervous of the beer bellies and wannabes the two. McManaman has the memory of last year's two goals in the Coca-Cola Cup final plus his England appearances to relax him, and if Fowler has a raw nerve it has

Yet the Old Trafford Babes of the Ninetles have slogged through a demanding Cup run, falling behind to Sunder-land (twice). Manchester City and Chelsea. Liverpool were barely tested until they met Aston Villa in the semi-finals and Fowler solved that little problem without blinking.

> now face action from the Rugby Football Union. The ingenuity of Back's exnation, that he mistook th

est hint of a referee being challenged physically came in 1985, when Kevin Moran, Manchester United's nor-mally amiable Irish centre back, was sent off by Peter Willis for bringing down Everton's Peter Reid when he had a clear run at goal. Football had only just begun to deal seriously with the professional foul and until Frank Stapleton moved in quickly to intercept Moran's beeline for Willis there ap-peared to be more than an out side chance of the first, and so far the only, player to be sent off in a Cup final taking the law into his own hands. Probably by the throat. As it happened, United's 10

men went on to win in extratime with an outstanding goal from that pillar of rectitude, Norman Whiteside. After-wards Ron Atkinson, then the United manager, said, not altogether wisely, that he had feared a violent crowd reaction if they had lost following Moran's dismissal Of course Twickers stayed Footballers do silly things. riot-free, but no longer can the oval fraternity insist that in their code challenging a refer-

ee's decision is something a chap simply does not do. In fact, the more money the chaps stand to make out of rugby the more arguments with officiels there are likely

NE thing Wembley will not see this after-noon is a final de-cided by a hypothetical goal. The rules of rugby allowed Lander to punish Leicester's cynical disregard of them with a penalty try, but in football a goal can only be scored when the ball crosses the line in fact, not theory.

Occasionally the suggestion is made that football should follow rugby's practice and award punitive goals, rather than penalty kicks, when a foul has prevented an apparently certain goal. The trip by Arsenal's Willie Young

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the picture is less savoury. Two incidents spring to mind, neither particularly vi-olent or vicious. During the to be. 1980-81 season Vince Hilaire of Crystal Palace pushed a refer-se over. Two seasons later Manchester United's Ashley Grimes was sent off at West Ham after he had swung an

official round by the shoulder Both were hauled up before the Football Association on disrepute charges. Yet in no way could Hilaire or Grimes have been described as habitually undisciplined players any more than Neil Back, the Leicester flanker who could

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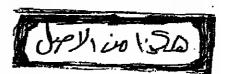
et Liverpool's threefold ambutterflies have settled. bitions of League, Cup and European Cup by winning the 1977 final against the odds Tommy Docherty's young team froze against Lawrie McMenemy's old sweats from Southampton. But when they did meet Liverpool at Wembley they were all the better for that experience.

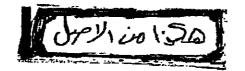
Winners' Cup, even as runreferee, Steve Lander, for a Bath opponent, calls to mind the plea of a well-known de-fender, and future England ers-up, the teams should be able to relax once the initial If this happens the match will be all the better for it. World Cup captain, who found himself accused of making an And if United do add the obscene gesture to a linesman Cup's classical profile to the No, no. he protested, all he was ghastly Premiership trophy at least some artistic balance doing was signalling to a col-league that his team were lead will have been achieved. Aling 2-0 and that there were ways assuming the Cup has not been taken away by the two minutes to go. The only time an FA Cup police for finger-printing. final has offered even the bar-

to deny 17-year-old Paul Aller a goal for West Ham in the 1980 Cup final is often quoted to upport this argument. The way Fifa behaves thes lays nothing is impossible, but there is a mighty difference in assumptions betwe a touchdown and a shot find-

ing the net. Opponents of such a mea sure need mention only two words before resting their case: one is Ronnie, the other Rosenthal.

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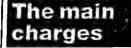
Lady Porter's attempts to 'electorally cleanse³ the poor from Westminster are a symbol of Thatcherite arrogance run wild. The ethos of exclusion she so sweepingly applied is still with us, argues DAVE HILL

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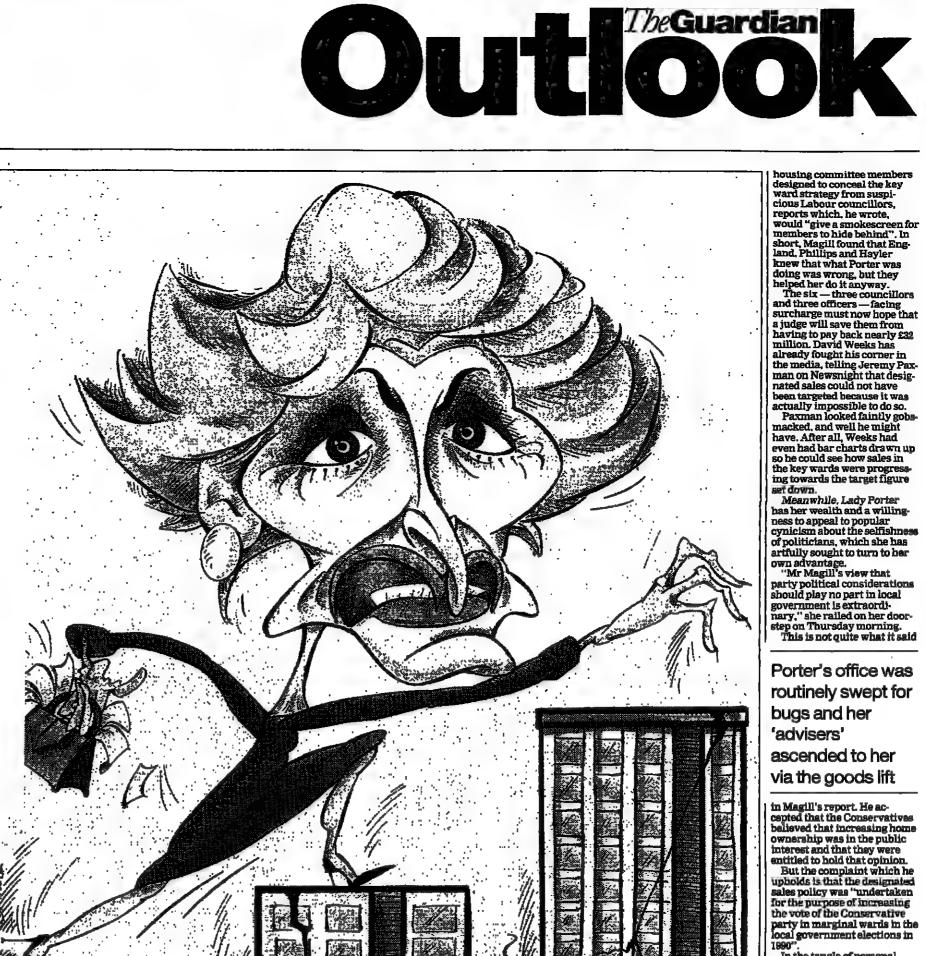
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Shirley's callous climb to power

N the first days following her narrow victory at the 1986 local elections, when her mind was already turning to ways of pre-venting Labour taking control of Westminster City Council four years hence - or, for that matter, ever again --Dame Shirley Porter received a copy of the Member's Manual. It advised the newly-



THE Tories won the 1986 local elections in West ing a minister, Soon after, cloth nal wards --- or "battle tee" as they we ware identified as key press we make Tory votes we



housing committee members designed to conceal the key ward strategy from suspi-cious Labour councillors, reports which, he wrote, would "give a smokescreen for members to hide behind". In short, Magili found that England, Phillips and Hayler knew that what Porter was

doing was wrong, but they helped her do it anyway. The six — three councillors and three officers — facing surcharge must now hope that a indem them them they a judge will save them from having to pay back nearly £32 million. David Weeks has already fought his corner in the media, telling Jeremy Pax-man on Newsnight that desig-nated sales could not have been targeted because it was actually impossible to do so.

Paxman looked faintly gobs macked, and well he might have. After all, Weeks had even had bar charts drawn up so he could see how sales in the key wards were progress-ing towards the target figure set down. Meanwhile, Lady Porter has her wealth and a willing-

ness to appeal to popular cynicism about the selfishness of politicians, which she has artfully sought to turn to har own advantage. "Mr Magill's view that party political considerations should play no part in local

government is extraordinary," she railed on her door-step on Thursday morning. This is not quite what it said

Porter's office was routinely swept for bugs and her 'advisers' ascended to her via the goods lift

in Magill's report. He accapted that the Conservatives balieved that increasing home ownership was in the public interest and that they were entitled to hold that opinion. But the complaint which he upholds is that the designated sales policy was "undertaken for the purpose of increasing the vote of the Conservative party in marginal wards in the local government elections in

In the tangle of personal-ities, technicalities and roken restraints on the

duties and their wider, political role".

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In this case the guidance referred to the use of such triv-ial facilities as headed notepaper and council photocopy ing machines. Which went to show how important the distinction between public and private roles is. The district auditor, John Magill, stresses the point in his report published on Thursday into the so-called "homes for votes" affair: "Advancing such private interests is not a public purpose for which a local authority may act."

It is central to Magill's conclusions that Porter and some of her closest colleague did almost nothing else right from the start. Lady Porter, of course, will have none of it, and on Thursday morning she announced

her intention to challenge Magill's findings in the courts. "You would have ex-pected me to, and I shall," she pronounced, trading on her talent for talking a good fight. Well, a girl has her reputation to think of.

But the trajectory of her defence is difficult to anticipate. Anyone taking the time to plough through the rainfor-est of data the auditor has prossed into five fat files will find it hard not to form the impression that Porter was bent on having herself and the Conservatives re-elected in 1990, and that everything and everybody else was just a waste of her valuable time.

The devils are in the details, some of them subtle, some resoundingly crass. Once grasped they beg questions which scream for answers: how could such a political culture have ever taken root. let alone be allowed to flour-ish? Why has it taken seven

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the following electic 1990, At secret meeting Dame Shirley Porter and a small group of collesque came up with the idea of ed sales". In pie English, selling council home in the key wards to people more likely to vote Tory would prove the party's of

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guided Margaret Thatcher, a tortured years to get even this far towards digging it out? And, most bewilderingly, what kind of people can apparently convince themselves that depriving the homeless of a roof for electors gain was proper and right? Magill's report was never intended to get to the bottom of all that. What it does provide is a precise paper trail of memos, reports and confidential policy documents that builds into a picture of a driven individual and a coterie of willing collaborators determined not merely to pursue controversial policies

but to hijack the most vital machinery of local government to get their way at the ballot box. Lady Porter does not emerge as an exotic innocent (as she has recently been depicted elsewhere) who simply didn't understand the dusty protocols which guide more conventional local politicians. She appears as a woman dedicated to waging a political holy war with the heart of the capital as her battleground.

She knew what she was fighting to create: a city in keeping with the image of a rejuvenated Britain which

capital where individual enterprise created the conditions for civic and national pride. She also knew who her enemies were. They were not only those dreadful "socialists" but the people on her patch who either voted for Labour in inconvenient numbers or whose mere pres ence took the sheen off her vision. Council tenants, people on low incomes, people without a home — they would all, in her view, have to be dealt with firmly. She didn't hang about. Within days of the votes being counted in May 1986, Porter had an officer provide her with profiles of the most marginal wards, giving details of population shifts and types of housing tenure. Within weeks it was apparent to her fellow councillor, Peter Hartley, whom she later appointed housing chairman and is now also facing surcharge, that "Shirley was in the driving seat" when it came to dispos ing of council properties, and that it was was "her intention to gain an electoral advantage hy selling more properties in marginal wards". Whilm a few mooths Porter

was exploring ways of concealing the fact that her policies were to be targeted at certain wards in order to rig the vote instead of being applied, borough-wide, for the good of the community at In the end the designated tales policy (applied to over 9.000 council homes with a view to selling 500 a year) was part of a package of policies taking in everything from the granting of planning permis-sions to the allocation of environmental services. They were presented as compone of an overall programme called "Building Stable Communities". Porter's enemies claim that every one was devised with

gerrymandering primarily in mind, and it may be some time before the auditor can wash his hands of Westminster's affairs. The irony is that there actually was a legitimate case for selectively engineering a change in the authority's pattern of tenure: social cohesic was being damaged by the departure of middle-income sion households and by increases in two kinds of unstable population, the homeless and business people who had conve-

nience accomodation in the city, but whose real homes re elsewhere. But the real reason Porter was keen to commission an independent report on dealing with the problem was in the (ultimately dashed) hope that it could be used to adhere a veneer of validity to a rotten gerrymandering scheme.

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Porter knew who her enemies were council tenants. people on low incomes, people without a home Suitably disguised, the plan was finally launched as official policy on July 8, 1987. Porter's renown as a "con-viction politician" suggests that even if she knew she wasn't playing by the rules she would be convinced that it

was the rules that were at fault, not her. But while Magill's assessments of Lady Porter have been widely

advertised - guilty of "wilful misconduct" and providing him with "evasive, false and misleading evidence" - less attention has been given to the three council officers caught in the surcharge Prattut. Their compliance was sential to fixing the key wards strategy and making it work. One of the reasons why Porter, her deputy David Weaks and other fellow councillors were able to act unchecked for so long was that decisions which should right-fully have been exposed to the scepticism of the elected opposition — and on the housing committee it was a very formi dable one — were taken in secret and kept that way. Some on the scene at the time have remarked on an endemic culture of secrecy. with the leader's City Hall office routinely swept for electronic bugs and personal "advisers" like her spin doctor Roger Rosewell ascending into her presence using the goods hit Yet if the officers had been

political importance to Lady Porter. Magill added that England was one of those who erected "smokescreens" to conceal this purpose. Later he facilitated the compilation of lists containing target numbers of suitable new electors to be brought into the key

doing the job they were paid to do (extremely well and with wards (Bayswater 350, West End 250, Victoria 150). He also performance-related bonuses, by the way), the very idea of helped to prepare reports to

singling out "key wards" for politically-driven attention would surely have been stamped on instantly. Bill Phillips, the managing director (the normal title of chief executive was insufflciently businesslike for Porter's Westminster), Graham England, the director of housing and Paul Hayler, one of England's senior colleagues, appear to have done no such thing. By their failure, they have revealed how hugely important the recti-tude of such expert professionals is to the honesty of local government. Take the case of England Magill found that he knew from early on that the eight "key" wards had been picked out for special attention not for impartial management reasons but because of their

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perous are rarely courted. of whatever colour, blue, crusading for improvements to the lot of society's bottom Porter saw them — an alien

cise of power, it is easy to forget that Porter and her cotorie were playing politics with the lives of human beings, most of whom were among the least able in the community to stick up for themselves.

With the elected opposition impeded by "smokescreens" and leading officers complicit in the politicians' intrigues, their cases might not have been taken up at all were it not for the diligence of a local doc-tor, Richard Stone, who won-dered why so many council flats were standing empty, and the avenging determination of those who have pressed the case of the Westminster Objectors — a group of ag-grieved local residents — on whose behalf Magill was required by law to act. The Westminster affair might be explained as a collective failure of individuals or as a manifestation of a more general New Right zeal spin

ning out of control. There looks to be truth in both. But although Porter is disgraced and Mrs Thatcher has been removed, their attitude towards the weaker in society survives. Electorally inactive or, in many cases, part of unbudgeable majorities in safe old Labour heartlands, the allegiances of the less pros-Few mainstream politicians yellow or pistachio, see their political fortunes lying in third. And while that remains the case, those who live those being dismissed as, at best, the hopeless authors of their own misfortimes and, at worst — as contagion fit only to be purged.



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Beyond India's ballot

HAT IS INDIA? Jawaharlal Neh-ru spent years trying to answer that question as he shaped India's future. Does the country represent anything vital, he asked from jail in "The Discovery of India", apart from being the home of a vast number of human beings? How does it fit into the modern world? Nehru as Prime Minister provided his own answers, and his daughter Indira Gandhi still seemed on firm ground in declaring that "no one can be an Indian and not be proud". Since then India appears - to many Indians - to have lost its way and blurred its identity. Nehru's Congress, as the chief moulding influence, suffers most from this sense of disintegration. The questions which he posed now have to be put again.

Congress's defeat now is a terminal blow to the party's asssumption of a natural right to rule. If it now emerges as the third runner, below the centre-left coalition, its humiliation may be beyond remedy by the resignation of Prime Minister-till-now Narasimha Rao. If part of it joins a coalition with the centre-left, then

what has happened merely in organisational terms is to over-simplify. India has suffered from changes in external factors - both economic and geo-political - over which no government in New Delhi could exercise control. It has also suffered for the opposite reason that a significant part of that external setting - the conflict with Pakistan - has not changed. But the real failure has been at home where the dominant forces in Indian political life, whether or not wearing the Congress label, have failed to grapple with the central issues which confront the bulk of India's 900 million. The current verdict that this election signifies the replacement of "national" by "local" issues is only half true. Rising prices (which put even publicly distributed grain beyond the reach of many poor), chronic water shortages and limping provision of health, education and housing, may be seen in a local context but they are national issues. Mr Rao seemed for a moment to have earned the chance - in the wake of the "hawala" scandal - to adopt corruption as a national mobilising issue. He may have unleashed the criminal investigation in February with that in mind. But the speed with which Congress's own complicity emerged soon ruled out that strategy. It is also a truism that the election demonstrates the rise of regional castebased politics. Caste consciousness has indeed grown (though unevenly across the nation) as power structures have altered in rural India. But much of the electorate still turns to the local parties more by default than by preference.

that is the most it deserves. Yet to see

The question for India's new government - of any complexion - is whether confidence can be restored, at least to some degree, in the centre's ability to tackle national problems at the local level. Whatever may be said by business analysts or deemed fit by the markets. the new competitive society now being fostered in Delhi shows little sign of taking India out of its impasse. The gulf between the yuppie generation and the vast illiterate population is only superficially bridged by the penetration of hair shampoos in rural shops. As more perceptive Indian observers point out, the expansion of the market does not guarantee the extension of a civil society capable of speaking coherently.

The election result does at least offer a chance of new thinking alongside new alignments. The eventual shape of the coalition will dictate whether such thinking is positive or negative for the future. It is said that both the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party and the centre-left coalition, from opposite political poles, will tend towards more moderate pragmatism in power. That does not diminish the very wide gap between them. In its past origins and present alliances, the BJP still represents a threat to racial tolerance and social harmony. The centre-left may offer an uncertain mix, but it does seek more hopefully to blend modernisation with social justice. Whoever takes over, business as usual will only lead to fresh disaster. As Nehru wrote long ago, if the current task is to build a new house for India's future, then its foundations will have to be dug much deeper.

Tunes of genius

N ONE of Ivy Compton-Burnett's novels a character remarks of the British Museum reading room that is curious to see a place which is wholly given over to the activity of rearranging the contents of old books into new ones. From Shakespeare to the Duchess of York, the art of creativity has always been dependent on what is politely called allusion and more forcefully described as plagiarism.

Nevertheless it comes as a bit of shock to learn that even Ludwig van Beethoven was not averse to a bit of thematic borrowing, even to the extent of lifting his single most famous musical phrase, the V-for-Victory motto which dominates the fifth symphony, and from the composer of the Marseillaise at that. Beethoven isn't supposed to do things like that. He embodies the idea of the protean artist, expressing his inner will through music which is heroically his own. He reflects our very image of the uncompromising revolutionary artist, doing it all his own way, indebted to nothing but his own genius. He is the last person we would have imagined to have used, or to have needed to use, other people's ideas when his own were so good in the first place.

And yet, according to the scholarconductor John Eliot Gardiner in tomorrow night's South Bank Show, Beethoven not only lifted his famous ta-ta-tatum from Rouget de Lisle's Dithyrambique, but he also helped himself to other people's ideas in his sixth and seventh symphonies too. Like Rouget de Lisle, most of these other composers appear to have been writers of high-minded civic music in revolutionary France. The last movement of the Pastoral symphony, for example, which posterity has romantically taken on trust from Beethoven as a shepherd's song of thanksgiving, now turns out to have been based on a little known Hymn to Agriculture composed

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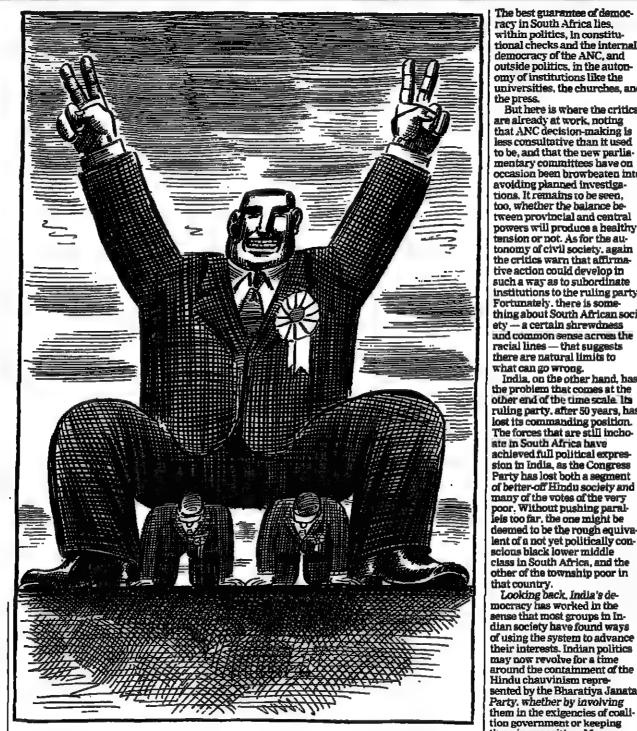
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by the French composer Lefevre. Mr Gardiner does his best to soften the blow which he has dealt to our illusions by saying that none of this should be seen as plagiarism. "It is the debt genius pays to the second rate. Beethoven transferred ordinary lines of music into something that was sublime," he tells the viewers tomorrow. Which is true, of course, and was nowhere better exemplified than by Beethoven himself in the 33 variations which he wrote on a banal little waltz tune by Diabelli, transforming it in the process into the seed of one of the greatest pieces of keyboard music ever composed. Nevertheless, there is no denying the shock of Mr Gardiner's news. At this rate, it won't be long before someone starts informing us that Bach lifted ideas from Vivaldi, Mo-zart from Gluck, Liszt from Chopin, Bruckner from Wagner, Elgar from Mendelssohn, Shostakovich from Rossini, or that some of Verdi's best ideas in Aida are filched from a chap he heard in the market one day. Except, of course, that these things all happened too. Et tu, Beethoven.

Following the demise this week of India's old order and South Africa's formerly dominant party, with their patterns of corruption and crash, MARTIN WOOLLACOTT wonders who will fill the power vacuum they leave, Illustration by PETER TILL

Crushing defeats



The best guarantee of democ-racy in South Africa lies, within politics, In constitu-tional checks and the internal democracy of the ANC, and Allason in outside politics, in the autonomy of institutions like the universities, the churches, and

the press. But here is where the critics are already at work, noting that ANC decision-making is less consultative than it used to be, and that the new parliamentary committees have on occasion been browbeaten into avoiding planned investiga-tions. It remains to be seen, too, whether the balance be tween provincial and central powers will produce a healthy tension or not. As for the autonomy of civil society, again the critics warn that affirmative action could develop in such a way as to subordinate institutions to the ruling party Fortunately. there is something about South African society --- a certain shrewdness and common sense across the racial lines — that suggests there are natural limits to

what can go wrong. India, on the other hand, has the problem that comes at the other end of the time scale. Its ruling party, after 50 years, has

Allason, as followers of polit-ical scandals will know, this week gained nul points for tradecraft when the Daily Mirror lost its commanding position. The forces that are still inchodiscovered a parking ticket naming a certain beach on his ate in South Africa have car windscreen and thus disachieved full political exprescovered him reclining on a

Society, it is fair to say, looks to Rupert Aliason for moral guidance in the same way as it looks to John Major for nurs ary places for all. True, he has described himself as a family man, but his protagonist in this case regards itself as a family newspaper. I cannot think of a fam-ily in the land wishing to read six pages of minutely-detailed PC Plod narrative describing Allason's tedious trek from his luxury hotel room (complete with four-poster bed and sunken bath) to the seaside and back, with the beach bar pricelist, naturally extortionate. obbed in for good measure. This is not to condone low standards among MPs. Far

from it. But this was not a post back-to-basics story exposing gross hypocrisy or blatant lack of judgment. Instead it bore the uncomfortable whiff of a vendetta while saying nothing new about the abysmal stan dards of morality within the

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presented as central to democracy. But the fact is that democraies featuring dominant parties are at least as common as two-party or multi-party systems.

The outcome of the elections in India and the withdrawal from government of the National Party in South Africa are a reminder that making democracy work in these conditions may be more important for the world than what happens in states where partles take regular turns at government.

In one. a dominant party has crashed, producing the usual problem of a power vacuum that an untested and disparate opposition may not be able to fill. This in turn can lead to the limbo from which Italy, for instance, has not yet escaped. In the other, a dominant party sets out on its career facing the usual danger that power can be kept so easily that discipline and purpose falter.

The long decline and the ul-timate crash are extreme versions of what happens to all political parties everywhere. but they can be crippling when experienced on this scale,

HE idea of alternation | Even in countries where alter-in government is often | nation is regarded as normal, long periods in power have be come routine, as in Britain, or what had appeared to be a viable second party has withered away, as in Canada. Ir countries like India, Italy Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, and South Africa the dominant party is or has been the standard.

A dominant party is not a single party, as in a communist state, nor a party whose dominance is wholly artificial, as In some tyrannies. It is a party whose majority is natural, usu ally earned during a time when the nation was in a liber ation struggle, or recovering from military defeat. ranks, occasional succes It is thus a very democratic phenomenon, but the theoreti-

cal expectation has been that such parties would not and should not last, as class and regional interests broke up the coalitions that hold them lation on a large scale, and a failure to tackle the tough ogether. But they have often laste or, when finally defeated, the result has often not been a issues of government. Then smooth transition to a two-or three-party system. What can lowed, as it was in India, by happen instead is that a shaky opposition coalition holds one, two, or more recoveries.

The overall pattern in some form is probably inescapable.

But the difficulty for the societeither to another coalition or to the original party. The clasies experiencing it is how to sic drama of the dominant minimise the damage and keep a vigorous democratic life party is a long period during in being This is the task that now which energies and ideals are eroded, and the party loses

touch with its popular base. faces South Africa. Serious students of the South African situ-ation, like Stanley Uys, have There may be splits in its predicted that a formidable op for opposition parties at the position will in time emerge national level, and big opposit out of the black townships. tion successes at the provincia The result could either be that the African National Congress There is almost always serious corruption, there may be political cheating and manipuwill be flanked by opposition parties to the left and right, or that the ANC will split. leading to a broad left party and a broad right party contending for power. Such shifts may or may not take place, but, in any comes the crash, as the party i spectacularly punished for its failings, and that can be folcase, what to do in the meantime? The ANC answer has

constitution, to propose a much more combative role for parliamentary committees than in other countries, and to emphasise its own tradition of

Internal democracy. The opposition parties have reached the sub-continent and already assigned themselves a watchdog role. The National Party, out of government, can now pursue this, as well as the attempted rebuilding of its own white constituency, with out having to worry about the responsibilities of sharing power with the ANC. Some believe that the National Party and the Democratic Party, the pro-business, "English" party. could eventually merge and might even develop some sertous appeal to black voters. Yet, as Kader Asmal, one of

been to set up checks and balances in the political system, many incorporated in the new

them in opposition. Meanwhile it seems unlikely that corruption on the scale recently discovered will con-tinue. The international revolution of the judges has

> s probably irreversible. One Indian MP noted recently how few members of he Congress Party still wore kadi, the homespun cloth tunic and trousers that were a symbol of the party's dedication to uplifting the poor. He meant by that to indicate that the party had drifted away from its most important mission. In South Af rica, there is no kadi, but the critical questions for the dominant party are the same — how to avoid the erosion of democratic practice that comes with long years in power, and how to hew to the basic task of altering

the ANC's most able ministers. reasonably maintains, an op-position can't be "confected",

Europe". Earthier aspirations are expressed by the Communication Workers Union, looking forward to 'secure employment in a first-class Post Office", and the Musicians' Union sounds an uncertain note with its call: "Don't Let Music Be-

come the NHS of the nineties. Meanwhile, key planks of Arthur's programme (a job for life, retirement on full pay at 55, a four-day week) suggest he may after all have learned something from his old adversaries, the police.

OW for A-Watch, our very own Colby-style search-and-destroy mission against "in/appropriate" detects some choice examples. The Foreign Office on Monday, for example, warning that expulsion of British spies (sorry, diplomats) from Moscow would meet an "appropriate res ponse", or Margaret Hodge,

Labour member for Barking, writing in the Times on April 29 of the "inappro ate solutions'' offered by pri vate kindergartens. The classic, however,

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Dispiriting though it may be to expect the worst, a fore-taste of Private-Lib (or Brit-ish-Lib, or Offlib) is to be ers are suing Club Mediterranée for £3.3 million for found in poet Don Paterson's debut Nil Nil (Faber; 1993), 'entertaining' them with a minstrel show last year in Senegal. The litigants' lawwhere he browses the shelves of the worst library yer described the show as wait for it -- "painfolly inappropriate". in the world: "16 RPM - a Selective Discography/ Diabetic Desserts All the Family Will

tage Secretary's proposals

to "involve" the private sector in running the library service will be published before July's summer recess, and not, as thought, in the autumn. We can hardly wait. Suggestions already trickling out of Mrs Bottomley's ministry make much of the good things that may appear exciting new scientific proas a result of privatisation

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Riviers sunioun with a woman who is not his wife So what, you are asking? This is not a story about espio-nage. Instead it is another of

Mary Riddell

OOR Rupert Allason. The shame. The igno-miny. How galling to build up a reputation

as a world-famous spy writer

only to have one's flaws and failings ruthlesaly exposed by

a tabloid newspaper.

those sizzling Tory sex scandals traditionally served up with steaming side-orders of justification and moral outrage. Revenge, on the other hand, is a dish best eaten cold. Suffice

to say that the latest addition to the extensive menu of Con-servative sleaze was at best half-baked. Consider the ingredients: after four years' wrantling, Allason loses his High Court action for malicious falsehood against the Mirror and departs for a bit of R and R in the South of France, whence he is pursued by the newspaper's representatives. What delicious retribution for the paper to discover him and his violinist friend, Jane Burgess, relaxing on a beach and to be able to spy on their holiday weekend. Fair game?

Only up to a point, Lord Cop-per. Allason remains married although he now describes himself as estranged from his wife. But he is not part of the conservative moral majority. preferring instead to plough a naverick course.

Outside politics, he is fam-ous for linking Terry Waite with the CIA and Robert Maxwell with Mossad while lunching the KGB at White's. Inside politics. he is noted for getting up the noses of the Whips and enting himself from a crucial Maastricht vote — a move which earned him the nickname of The Bermuda Triangle. In the Conservative pulpit of family values, he is an equally ephemeral presence.

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Two dangers: the first is that the currency of exposure stories is instantly devalued if the newspaper concerned ap-pears to be working to a personal agenda only loosely tethered to the public interest. And the second is that those Tory MPs who leapt to their colleague's defence may regrettably, but possibly rightly, feel themselves safer and better justified in committing indiscretions far more relevant to the electorate. Perhaps this tawdry story might be regarded as a no-score draw from which no one ges with any great credit. So is there a lesson to be learned? Only that since the great spycatcher has previously mentioned himself in the same breath as his namesake. Rupert Brooke, he might benceforth remind himself that there is some corner of a foreign beach that is forever Canary Wharf and brush up accordingly on cold war actics.

A picture accompanying the revelations failed to reveal the itle of his holiday paperback. I trust it was a Le Carré

I SUSPECT the Queen is less upset by the new portrait depicting her as a jaundicedooking pensioner than its detractors might hope. On the contrary, I imagine Her Majesty, a busy and thrifty woman commissioned it just so, on the same economical principle as buying children school uniform three sizes too big. Easy on the make up, heavy on the wrinkles, and one won't have to bother with another for the next 20 years.

to the healing of divisions in far more important areas of sportmanship. The reunification of the Baccarat family, for example, will be a task equal to reversing the effects of the Big Bang. Punto banco, shemmy, and the upstart Super Pan 9 spinoff into the furthest reache of card-playing, prompting ever-thicker reference books explaining the multiplying sets of rules.

For the code fusion boffins. the challenge is not merely to bring back these lost sheep, but simulta-neously to reunite vingt-etun, pontoon and blackjack. Then the Ritz could host a showdown of Bath-Wigan proportions between the leg-endary blackjacker Kerry Packer and a modern-day Le Chiffre of baccarat. It will be too bad for the rulebook publishers, of course, but, as we used to say in Craven Park, you can't blame Hull Kingston Rovers for that,

Smallweed



ILLIAM COLBY'S hitherto-missing cadaver may have turned up this week, but conspiracy theories surrounding the death of the former CIA chief will march on. Vengeful agency die-hards.

even-more-vengeful KGB veterans. US government death squads, all will be squeezed into the frame. In a contrary spirit, Smallweed offers a man with a perfect motive to have a crack at Colby, but who didn't do it. He didn't need to — he had taken his revenge 20 years earlier.

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first 15 minutes, the CIA chief (Cliff Robertson) grants a weaselly suborditic policy adviser to Presinate Bernie Tibbitts (Richard Gates) a free hand to dent Nixon from 1969 to 1973, served 18 months' imwine out Vietcong hideaways. At the end of episode prisonment for his part in one, Tibbitts reports his the burglary of a psychia-trist's office in 1971. The "progress", with the help of a film depicting appalling shrink had been treating brutality against civilians. Tibbitts boasts of his interro-Daniel Ellsberg, leaker of the so-called Pentagon

Papers and a priority smea target for the White House. gation techniques: "We took two slants up 5.000 feet in a hman had requested chopper, threw one of them CIA help in the operation. a over the side, the other one fact disclosed to Watergate told as." investigator Henry Pe None of this seems to have tersen at the end of 1972 by much to do with the plot and.

one William Colby. then CLA indeed, it doesn't. But you deputy executive director. have to remember that Tib-It was the beginning of bitts, sorry Colby, presided

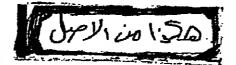
Ehrlichman's descent into over Operation Phoenix, the disgrace and jail. Released from prison, he wrote a best clandestine American campaign during which 20,000 selling roman à clef The Com-pany (Simon & Schuster; alleged Vietcong members were slaughtered. So there it is: a non-conspiracy conspir 1976), all about the Nixon presidency, which was tele-vised as Washington Behind acy. Could any Watergate buff ask for more? Closed Doors. Within the

HAT a May Day/ May Bank it was. and we refer not only to Month Zero of Arthur Scargill's Barnsley Rouge movement but also to the sometimes-intriguing, almost coded, greetings exchanged by the comrades. There they are in the pages of Tribune: Leominster Labour Party supports "Campaign Against Arms Trade's [sic] resistance to ARMS TRADE intimidation". Why the capi tals? Glasgow Maryhill branch is "continuing to

Support Common Ownership", while modesty prompts Alex Smith "MEP" to declare he is "Working for Peace and Socialism m

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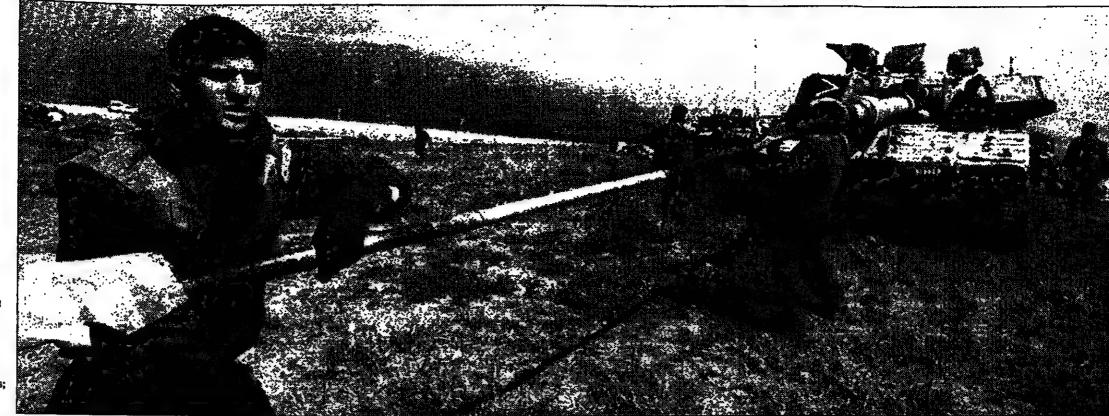
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Operation Grapes of Wrath was a tactical disaster for Israel's politicians and military. **But beneath** the official excuses and bluster DEREK BROWN senses a new mood of vindication Shell shock Clockwise

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from right, Israeli soldiers prepare their guns; UN soldiers cover Cana victims; Fatima Ismail cries over her injured son, Ali, four





Gunners' cover is blown

HERE was a time, not so long ago, when Israeli solfor your officer," she said. That was the day before Israel's state-of-the-art military diers braceed about "pinpoint strikes". machine slanghtered 102 Leb anese refugees in a United Reporters covering Nations camp at Qana, and **Operation Grapes of Wrath**

the office or making the coffee | to the UN report, by Dutch military adviser Major Gen-eral Franklin van Kappen, from a position 350 yards south-east of the Gana compound and another four or

two or three rockets were fired

the compound and four more close by. Moreover, according to the

ran Kappen report, during the six minutes or so of carnage, the weight of shelling actually shifted from the mortar-firing

was revealed, belatedly showed some of the pictures it recorded, allegedly after the event. One of the images was particularly striking: a power ful zoom in on the main compound, which showed black

smoke and vivid flames bil-

the operation," said the head of army intelligence, Major General Moshe Ya'alon, seven days after the Qana massacre. In the intelligence wing there was no discussion of whether there were two or six hundred civilians in Gan ienored them, said Israel a . . . The relevant question is, were putting their own lives at was it correct to open fire in rlsk The risk was real enough. such circumstances?"

activity is insufferable". As Israel could not drive the guerrillas from their home vilages, the villagers were driven from the guerrillas. Pre-emptory evacuation orders were issued. Those who

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ent, among them Arieh Shavit writing in the daily Ha'aretz. His analysis of what happened at Qana will no doubt be dismissed by the more ardent conspiracy theorists as yet another excuse for Israel. But it is more damning, and more damnable. than any amount of military fumbling with the truth. He wrote of Grapes of Wrath: "We did not kill all these people in a fit of hot passion. Not from Messianic extremism and not in nationalist ecstatic fervour. We killed them incidentally-... How easily we killed them, without shedding a tear. Without establishing a commission of inquiry. With-out filling the streets with protest demonstrations. It would seem that we have grown up quite a lot, as this time we abot and didn't cry. "We killed them with a kind **Operation Grapes of Wrath** of yuppie efficiency. We bebardment, Katyusha missilee lieve with absolute certitude that right now, with the White House in our hands, the Sencontinued to fall upon north-ern Israel. Hizbullah remains more or less intact. The cease ate in our hands and the New fire hastily cobbled together York Times in our hands, the by US Secretary of State Warlives of others do not count in the same way as our own. '

vond the 1993 understanding that civilians should not be targeted. Yet in Israel there is little sense of the futility of the exercise, let alone remorse. This is how two of the most respected journalists in the land summed it up, in the popular daily Yedioth Ahronoth:

Israel from its post-Qana dip lomatic plight, offers little be

"Between 50 to 80 terrorists were killed in the operation. That is more than Israel manages to wipe out in one year. There were no casualties to the Israeli side. Two were sev erely wounded, and dozens more were sent home from hospital. The price to Israel was mainly economic. All in all, aside from the horror at Kfar Kana (sic), it was a deluxe operation."

For an even cruder view of a crude little war which killed up to 200 people, there is the comment of an army gunner, in the Jerusalem weekly, Kol Ha'ir. He said: "It's a war. In a war these things happen ... It's just a bunch of **Arebs**

HE few laments which have been beard about Grapes mostly concerned Israel's failure to eliminate Hizbullah, or drive Prime minister Shimon Peres - still consistently though narrowly ahead in the opin-ion polls in the run-up to general elections on May 29 --- has Yet there are voices of dis-



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from the Israeli side were en couraged to visit batteries of Israeli 155mm self-propelled guns and the sophisticated radar installations which guided the shells.

Thus, on April 17, on a black hilltop almost within spitting distance of the Lebanese border, a small group of us were given a brief introduction to Fire Finder, a radar clever enough to identify, precisely and almost immediately, the launching site of a Katyusha missile.

Ella, a lieutenant in her early twenties, offered a suc-cinct explanation: "The mission objective is to find the artillery of the enemy, if it is a Katyusha or anything else. If they fire, we see a spot on our map and we get the co-ordin-ates of where it was fired, then we order our artillery to shoot at it."

All this, she added, hap-Ella enjoyed her job as deputy commander of the unit; one of an elite few women in the front line. "Here you feel you are in the army, not a girl in

the Grapes of Wrath turned SONT. It was, at the very least, a

callons, cavalier cock-up. But the slather of official inconsistencies, contradictions and downright lies which followed has reinforced another view. the UN view, that the bombardment of Qane was deliberate.

From the outset, the army has insisted that what hap-pened was "a mistake". It has been much less consistent about the nature, scale, and detail of the error.

On day one, it was said that the guns had responded to a Katyusha rocket launch some 300 yards from the UN base. Only after five days did another, more elaborate version emerge: that an Israeli patrol had come under attack by both Katyushas and mortar rounds, and that the com mander, wrongly believing that some of his men had been hit, had asked urgently for ar-

There was indeed Katyusha and mortar firing from near Qana on April 18. According shells exploded on or above

five were fired from a position site, towards and into the UN 600 yards away, in the same compound.

direction. Between five and eight mor-tar rounds were fired from only 220 yards south-west of the compound. They were the cause of the subsequent horclearly showing an Israeli Remote Pilotlese Vehicle (RPV) or drone aircraft, operror. According to the Israeli version, still being dutifully reproduced in some papers, couple of rounds" of return fire unfortunately overshot the target and landed in the Qana camp. Another, scarcely more credible, version is that there was an error in the map at Northern Command, which sanctioned the firing. An Israeli artillery expert,

with long experience of opera-tions in south Lebanon, told the Guardian that in firing over hills and ridges, there was always a risk that some shells would narrowly miss the target and land some distance beyond on lower ground. That was why, he thought, two shells had hit Qana. The former officer was plainly astonished to learn that no fewer than eleven

The Israeli army which ve-

lowing out of a building. That Another damning feature of the UN report is its inclusion of an amateur videotape picture, Lt Col "B" insisted, was recorded at precisely That is, 17 minutes after the

ating in the Qana area. The tape soundtrack, which captures the sound of shelling and the RPV engine, rein-forces the belief that the drona, equipped with a real-time television transmitter, was used to direct the artillery

OT so, says Is-rael. The RPV was directed to Qana only after first reports of bivilian deaths. In the words of Lieutenant Colonel "B", the drone unit commander, "I got a message to run to Qana because something not good had happened in that area."

hemently denied having a drone in the Qana area until the existence of the UN video

also admits, he talked a tre-

last shell landed on Qana. And yet the tape shows no human activity of any kind in the compound. No survivors trying to escape. No wounded being aided. No stretchers. No fire-fighting. No sign at all, be-yond the column of smoke and fire, that more than 100 people have just been blown to bits or incinerated.

On and on go the contradictions. Senior officers say they had no idea that up to 800 refu gees had sought shelter at Qana. And yet Unifil, the UN force in Lebanon, had an-nounced a few days after the start of the operation that 6,000 refugees had entered its com-pounds, of which the Fijian attalion headquarters at Qana was one of the biggest and longest established. "The fact that civilians are

evacuated from the villages into UN facilities was known to us from the second day of

tional. They are like our own

An even more relevant Within days, Apache assault question might be, does the helicopters were in action, ob-Israeli military establishment really care about civilian caliterating houses and cars, as the shells rained steadily. An sualties? Minimising them, no doubt. Avoiding public rela-tions disasters like Qana, corambulance was destroyed with two women and up to four children inside. Israeli intainly. But causing them? From the start, it was clear talligence, unable to see sev-eral hundred refugees in that Operation Grapes of Wrath aimed to dislodge the Hizbullah guerrillas from Qana, said instantly that the ambulance was carrying a wanted Hizbullah fighter. towns and villages, which the frustrated Israeli gunners Within a week, as the death toll mounted, up to 400,000 refugees had streamed out of could not target under the terms of the 1993 understand-ing to avoid hitting civilsouth Lebanon towards the uncertain safety of the north. Israel was adamant that Hizians. Even before the first serious bullah was to blame, just as it

shooting, the deputy defence minister, Ori Or, told Israell was to blame for Qana. was a military failure. Throughout the 16-day bomtelevision that action must be taken that "will cause the Hizbullah and the government of Lebanon to take responsi-bility for the lives of Lebaner residents . . . A situation in which residents of Nabatiah and the residents of villages provide a shield for Hizbullah ren Christopher to extricate

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Defence of an icon who still inspires

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Martin Kettle *************************

F the religion of British socialism has a presiding saint, then it is surely Wil-liam Morris. No one else in this country's socialist history inspires fiercer loyalty or pas-ston. Not Winstanley. Not Owen. Not Tom Mann. Not even Bevan. Only Or well can come close to him. You could attack any of

these others and get away with it, especially now that the left has lost so much of its self-belief. But Morris is different. He may not have been a particularly nice man, but he is the one icon of British socialism to have survived undiminished by time, the one socialist in our history who seems somehow still to be living today, speak-ing directly to us even 100

years after his death. To attack Morris is a profanity too far against the socialist heritage. If he did not know that beforehand, then Deyan Sudjic must certainly realise it now, after his diatribe against Morris in this paper on May 3. For those who missed it, Sudjic's essential case was that Morris was hopelessly torn between

was nopelessly of h between nostalgia for an imaginary past and a visionary longing for an anti-modern utopia. Adding a few well-placed in-Adding a rew weil-placed in-sults, in particular the charge that Morris was the inspira-tion for Pol Pot's Year Zero, Sudjic retired to await the inevitable bombardment from outraged readers which then followed.

The readers have made their case powerfully, and it isn't my intention to repeat what they said in their letters. I am not a Morris expert and in any case I am deeply averse to heroes. I think it is a mistake to imagine either that anyone ever got everything right or that a man who lived more than a century

ago can provide us with a hand-me-down set of answers to all of today's problems. What I would say, however,

occupation, the awakening of the decorative artistic instinct subsequent experience. In

to choose to live surrounded by hideous things. In this as in so much else, Morris does not offer us a pre-

cation, many others too. Sudjic porary, in a way which is not true of the more narrowly posays that Morris's chief fault is to combine nostalgia with uto-pianism, that his vision of the litical or economic socialist future was rooted within a viwriters of that era. I don't oversion of the past, and that it is not desirable to look backlook the trenchant polemics against industrial capitalism, but Morris's preoccupation wards and forwards at the with, as one of his essays puts it, How We Live & How We same time. The inference, if I read him correctly, is that the art of the future and the society of the Might Live, places him much

closer to our own mental uni-verse than do the writings of, future can only be truly effective if they break with the for instance. Marx. Morris was a tremendous ecologist and conservationist past altogether. I do not see how this can in ways that we can easily identify with. And there is an imagination and a vigour in all of Morris's work which tran-scends almost all his particu-lue obserview. possibly be correct. It is surely the case — and I hope it is clear that we are talking about far more than wallpaper design here — that the new can only

lar obsessions. ever be built upon the lessons This does not mean that be actually achieved very much. Brian Sewell rightly wrote this week that Morris's central preof the old. Whether as individuals in our personal lives, or as artists in our expressive lives, or as societies which are trying to come to terms with the chalin the working man to create and enjoy useful and beautiful things, has been mocked by all lenges of public policy, we always emerge from our past to confront our future. It is a fundamental illusion

to believe that you can create their millions, people continue anything without roots or foundations. These roots and foundations are what we in-

herit. We can pretend they do is that Morris's priorities viously undiscovered way out not exist, but we can never remain astonishingly contem- of our problems. But as Sewell escape them. They aren't op-

mendous amount of really good sense about them, and DNA. They determine the kind of changes that we can make in the future. I cannot see anywith real passion. My own dissatisfaction with thing wrong in Morris creat-Sudjic's article is not so much ing a vision of the future in concerned with Morris as such, but with the very impor-tant charge which he makes against Morris and, by impli-News From Nowhere that bears such an uncerny resem-blance to the Cotswolds, when that is where he lived and was the world he loved. The failure would have been to have slipped into science fiction, creating a world wholly deached from what he knew. In many respects, this is the biggest issue of them all. Rich-

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Morris's work which transcends his obsessions

ard Wagner, like Sudjic, was all for the creation of a wholly new art. His constantly reiterated injunction to his followers was to do something new. But Wagner's greatest insight was that you cannot create the new without the inspiration of the old. And it is absolutely and profoundly true.

Lest this appear to be a rather obscure hobby-horse, let's be clear what it implies in terms of politics. It says that there is no way that you can create a good society, a good institution or a good policy by

ground and starting from scratch. That is the great illusion of the early 20th century. It is where the Bolsheviks went wrong, at massive cost not just to Russia but to the redibility of socialism generally. That is one reason, for exam-ple, why it is misleading to say that Labour is proposing the end of the welfare state. It is certainly proposing to change it, and to recommission it in a very different form from what it may inherit. Those changes nay, in the end, involve very hard choices about prioritie But you can no more end the welfare state than you can end religion or destroy the aesthetic superiority of a curve over a straight line. To say that William Morris looked backwards and forwards at the same time is simply to say that he was a human being. Morris helps us to see that, because he is so explicit and vigorous about acknowladging it in his own case. But different from John Major, try-ing to recreate the happy south London of the 1950s which so clearly haunts his

own imagination? We all do tt. We are all right

to do it. There is no way that we can or should stop doing it. We today must do it our way, as best we can, in the way that

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makes sense for us. But if we are looking for a mind to emulate, an imagination to live up to, then there are few better models still than William Morris.

16 LETTERS TO THE EDIT No votes for **Dame Shirley**

OES anyone seriously believe that Shirley Porter and the others surcharged for their conduct in Westminster will ever have to pay up (Porter faces £31m bill, May 10)? I can guarantee that the court proceedings will be presided over by a tame Tory judge who will find some get-out for them all.

Any public outcry this might cause will not matter because the other certainty is that the legal process will be prolonged until after the gen-eral election. (Rev) Derrick W Cooling. All Saints Rectory, Church Hill, Purleigh, Essex CM3 6QH.

ONE wonders how democ-racy is to be restored in Westminster Council. If majority rule is its defining criterion, patently then, to en-gineer a majority is to undermine democracy. The Tories in Westminster apparently did not appreciate that the crucial assent in democracy is the assent of the minority. Unwillingness to be a minority marks out the sectarian who sees elections not as the expression of the "organic" unity of a people but as a power struggle. As a result of the Tories' "houses for votes" there are areas of Westminster where nobody cares what the greater number of people think. F Grimth. 25 Fulmar Drive,

Sale. Cheshire M334WH.

DON'T recall any reluctance on the part of government ministers to condemn the Birmingham Six during their long process of appeal. Per-haps the fact that they were waiting in prison for their appeal to be heard made it a bit more confusing. Lady Porter and her colleagues have been found guilty of serious crimes, but they have the luxury of

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being able to appeal from the comfort of their own homes. an Saville. 11 Plympton Road London NW67EH.

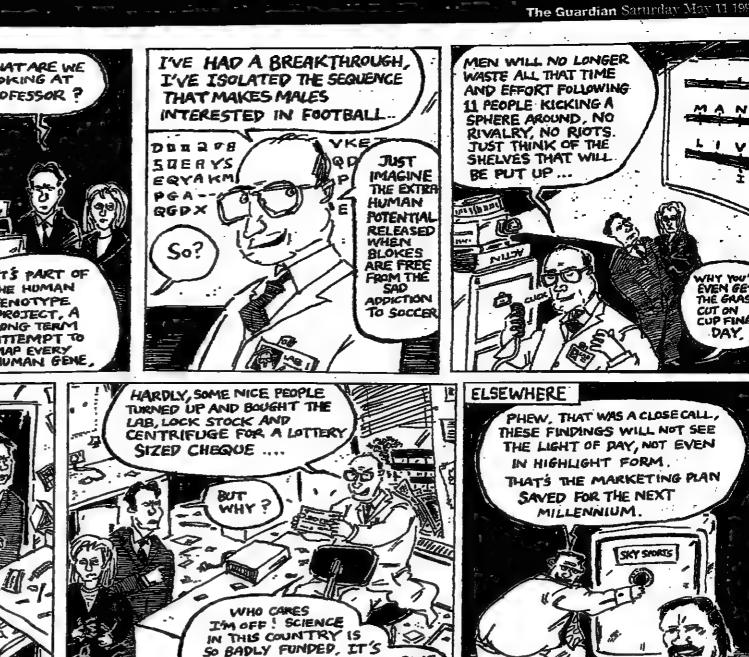
HE issue of housing policy may come to haunt the second Tory flagship of Wandsworth as much as their neighbours in Westminster. Wandsworth Council have rejected the limited proposals from John Major on affordable housing and instead have recommitted themselves to allowing only supply and de-mand to determine rents for council and private housing Rents will now rise to the point where the council and the private landlords' ability to exploit people's need for a nome meets their tenants ability to pay rent without starving. Any hardship is expected to be met by housing benefit — as ever, a Tory flagship seeks government sub-sidy for political experiments Martin Smith. Secretary, Battersea and Wandsworth Trades

Union Council. 177a Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TE. DAME Shirley's view of council work in Stow-onthe Wold is old-fashioned. As the Cotswold Council spends enormous sums each year in persecuting the gypsies who attend its two annual horse fairs whilst struggling to cre

ate a suburban dormitory town with Cotswold trimmings. Dame Shurley's exper ence of persecuting those without influence would prove invaluable. And the fact that the council has rolled over and is allowing a large Tesco to be built to dominate Stow's outskirts must surely be a plus point in Dame Shirley's estimation. Anne Jenkin. Grange Farm Studios, Brockhampton, Andoversford. Cheltenham GL54 5XQ.







Why the euro is losing currency Moscow leaks intelligence on expelled British spies

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OUR headline (Euro-pean single currency op-posed by two out of three Britons, May 9) expresses the view that the number now against EMU is a sensation. Surely the only amazing thing is that with almost the entire written media now against a single currency — either hys-terically like the Mail and Times, or slightly more subtly like the Guardian — anyone at

yourselves, want to peddle the

Euro-sceptic line owe their

for Public Policy Research, 30-32 Southampton Street, London WC2R 7RA.

lenged. Economic growth without social development produces an anti-social state and anti-social communities. Governments are there to make the connections between economic and social deelopment, not increase their eparation. Recent statements y Conservative and Labour oliticians show no signs of the vision that is needed to reshape social protection to take us into the next century.

European Anti-Poverty 37 Mornington Crescent.

found to have been working for British intelligence (Tit for tat spy row threat, May 7): the agent was caught red-handed in the act of communicating intelligence data to the SIS station head in Moscow. He had equipment for sending encoded messages. During interrogation, according to information ob-tained by RIA-Novosti, he ad-mitted his criminal connection with Brilish intel-

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observed: "The bright yellow corolla is seeded with very

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arrested Vadim Sentsov, a ranking official in the Russian military industrial com plex, on charges of being a British secret services agent. Sentsov confessed his guilt. In 1ste 1994, Moscow ax-pelled Counsellor John Scar-lett, then M16 station head. Spying against Russia is a serious accusation. Neverthe less, Russian Foreign Ministry press secretary Grigory Karasin chose to make a reconciliatory statement: "Indeed, this is an unpleasant in-cident, to put it mildly. But the main thing today is that Brit-

Only rationing will cure the NHS David BRINDLE'S discovelective cases and waiting times will rise. Mr Dorrell is facing many NHS trusts is old

hat (Warning of 'meltdown' in NHS market as trusts resist squeeze, May 7). NHS executives and observers have for unpleasant. months been comparing the 1996-97 financial situation with 1987-88. The NHS "bal-

unlikely to welcome this in an election year and his commissars in the regions are likely to make bureaucrats' lives

However, the real issue that will emerge is rationing. Isn't It time it was accepted that the issue is not whether to ration

reason for staying out is to keep open the option of devaluing, can you come clean that your view of the UK's future i constantly to devalue; and that you believe that the cost of keeping this dubious option open, higher interest rates, is worth it in the medium term. Let's get some sensible de-bate going before the whole of Britain gets itself into a lather of anti-EU sentiment that all remains for it. Where are the 29 per cent still for it get-ting their information from? eads us nowhere useful. Dan Corry. Seulor Economist, Institute Those on the left who, like

the end of 1970 showed 70 per cent opposed to entry and only 18 per cent in favour. After an intensive information and education campaign lasting some six months, and when the government completed its negotiations, public opinion swong to a majority in favour of membership. A similar swing of public opinion took place between June 1974 and the referendum on member-

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ship a year later. The lesson is that, given an effective lead by government and an intensive information campaign, majority public support for further European

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WITH regard to the arrest by Russian counter-intel ligence of a Russian citizen

mary care (eg. by GP fundholders) was sufficient to meet the overspend of trusts. many of which are unable to meet their 6 per cent return on assets. During the last five years, activity in NHS trusts has risen by 18 per cent with rela- tively little extra spending. However, whether the trusts can maintain these remark- able "efficiency savings" is un- clear. The next financial year offers trust chief executives a nice choice. If they focus on emergency cases, they may	(it happens all the time) but how? Shouldn't there be a pub- lic debate about the principles which determine who will live. In what degree of pain and discomfort, and who will die? It is these issues, rather than the belated discovery of trust overspends, on which the media might usefully focus and, in so doing, embar- rass politicians who will not grapple with this reality. (Prof) Alan Maynard. Secretary, Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust, 59 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD.	questions. First, what ex- change-rate policy do they suggest if we keep out of EMU? The ERM experience shows that fixed but adjustable rates cannot work. I fail to see how the only viable option. float- ing exchange rates, leads to a more stable economy, let alone one where centre-left values come to the fore. Second, given the doubts that we all have about Maas- tricht, are we more likely to get them altered and find posi- tive interpretations of the Maastricht ambiguities in or out of EMU? Lastly, since the only	POLITICIANS are coy about the real European debates. They talk in terms of pro-Europe or anti-Europe, not about what sort of Europe we would like to share. Eco- nomic and monetary union without parallel commitment to social rights and social pro- tection is producing a more and more divided Europe divided between richer and poorer, and by an increase in knee-jerk nationalism. It is a powder-keg Europe. The general acceptance that social development and eco- nomic growth are separate and in conflict has to be chal-	YOUR leader (A big No to the euro, May 9) claims that it would be barmy for any government to join the single currency against the public opposition shown in current opinion polls. This view ig- nores the public's lack of knowledge, and confusion, about the issue or the volatile nature of public opinion on European issues generally. As director of the European Movement in the 1970s, I had the task of promoting British entry into the EC, while the government was negotiating for it. Public-opinion polls at	currency, is likely. Ernest Wistrich. 37b Gayton Road, London NW3 1UB. YOUR poll highlights the success of rightwing mis- information and scare- mongering more than any- thing else. How can we have true polls (let alone a referen- dum) when fear is being played so successfully against the pro-monetary-union poli- cies of all three of Britain's largest parties? Paul Douglas. 2 Bd Armand Durportal, 31070 Toulouse, France.	quent co-operation with the SIS. RIA-Novosti also has data to indicate that the Russian SIS agent worked in the federal government and had access to state secrets of a political and defence nature. He spied for financial rather than for ideo- logical reasons. The document supplied to British Ambassador, Sir Andrew Wood, contained a list of nine Britons and de- tailed their connections with the Russian agent. The nine are career intelligence offi- cers, not diplomats, according to Alexander Zdanovich. There has been an extensive	ish and Russian officials should be guided by common sense and should not let the incident harm British-Rus- sian relations which have been rather successful lately." To be sure, it is hardly advis- able to be guided by rash emo- tions or to make hasty deci- sions in this delicate situation. Vyachesiav Lashk ul. Russian Information Agency. Novosti, 8 Rosary Gardens, London SW7 4NW. To a degree
"Between a thi		Tabloid corner	MPs' deal fue	ls road rage	Not Condon-ed	record of Britons spying on Russia. In July 1965, G Brook received a five-year sentence from Moscow City Court, hav-	AM astounded by the deci- sion of Brunel University to give an honourary degree to
of all cancers are caused by eating the wrong types of food"		AR be it from me to venture a diagnosis at a distance, but is Frances Wheen begin- ning to show some signs of being obsessed with me	AST year I gave a course of 10 lectures for the Work- ers' Educational Association and was paid 20p a mile for travelling expenses. Unfortu-	As a peripatetic full-time em- ployee of the National Health Service, my contract stated that I had to work at six hospi- tals in East Anglia, two of	SIR Paul Condon's reaction Sto the recent awards of sub- stantial damages against the Metropolitan Police is deeply disappointing. By blaming	ing been convicted of spying. Twenty years on and the Soviet authorities expelled six Britons for "activities incom- patible with their official	Lady Thatcher (Letters, May 10). Students in the early eight- les could expect to graduate with minimal debts, having enjoyed at least a minimum grant. In 1982 the Building
Food for Thought		(Wheen's world, May 8)? The true obsessional is very con- cerned to get things exactly right, which is certainly not a prominent feature of Mr	Letters, May 10) Insists on the WEA extracting income tax from the expenses, even though my main place of work	them 100 miles spart. I trav- elled about 10,000 miles each year purely for the state; I also had to provide the car myself and bear the depreciation of	lawyers for increasingly pur- suing such claims, and juries for their awards, he appears to ignore the message which the juries hoped to send him.	status." Another four years and three British journalists working in the USSR were de- clared persona non grata and 11 British Embassy staffers	Technology department of Brunel was closed as a direct result of cuts and departmental achievement started to be mea- sured by reference to outside
Vernon	Coleman	Wheen's writings — he has yet again accused me of slap- ping psychiatric diagnoses on celebrities in my writings in the national press. In fact, not	is my hone and my travelling falls precisely within the terms of the legislation in that the expenses were incurred wholly, exclusively and neces-	that car within the mileage allowance. My mileage allow- ance a year ago, when I retired, was half that enjoyed by MPs.	It is true that the number of civil actions against the police has increased dramatically in the last decade. This reflects increasing disenchantment	were expelled. Take also the summer of 1969 when listening devices were extricated from the walls of two London apartments	funding. What has changed since that time to take the res- ponsibility for the decline in tertiary education away from the administration of the day,
If you know which foods to eat can dramatically reduce your	- and which to avoid - you	only have I never done this. but Mr Wheen himself fails	sarily in the performance of my duty.	To read that MPs were fa- youred by not only HM Inspec-	with the complaints proce- dure and growing awareness	occupied by Soviet Embassy officials. One British news an-	or is there a 10-year statute of limitations for governmental
cancer of the breast, cancer of	the prostate, cancer of the	consistently to provide any ex- amples. I have had to write on	The inspector remains in- transigent, even dismissing	tor of Taxes and the Inland Revenue Commissioners, but	of civil actions as an effective remedy for victims of police	alyst at the time admitted then that over 60 "bugs" had	mismanagement? M G Jacobs.
Eating the right foods ca		two previous occasions to the Guardian to correct his des-	my arguments with barely concealed contempt in de-	also the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, made me very	misconduct. Damages paid out by the	been found in the Soviet trade mission. Foreign Office offi-	(Bsc Econ, Brunel).
improvement in your health if	you suffer from asthma.	perately selective and inaccu-	scribing my work as not being	angry. Is this another two-tier	Metropolitan Police have in-	cials of course denied any offi-	15 Agamemnon Road London NW6 1EJ
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Warlingham Park Hospital us suspect their work would Warlingham, Surrey CR69YR. be done more competently if they did stay at home. It is pleasant to read that AM flattered to be quoted in your "Talking Dirty" column ome citizens can get one over (Women, May 9), in which I expressed the view that what mothers want for their sons are good wives rather than tough, competitive women. But the textual coherence was incomplete: I added "We don't want them hanging around with the kind of bad girls that some of us used to be." I am work. aware that media-studies stu-J R Tench. dents use the Guardian as a 5 Grey Close source, and if I am to be decon-Sutton on the Forest, structed I wouldn't want the Daily Express. 245 Blackfrinrs Road.

Consultant Psychiatrist,

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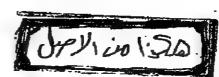
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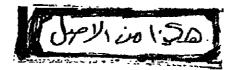
plaintiff or fabricated evi-dence against them, but also lied in court, it is not surprising that it ewards a large sum of exemplary damages. In my experience as a barrister, juries are particularly incense by the spectacle of officers who have acted in this way remaining in the force with no prospect of being disciplined even after their verdict. I can well understand Sir Paul's reluctance to see his limited budget reduced further by awards of damages but the surest remedy would be an effective complaints pro cedure. Until this exists, juries will continue to mark their disapproval of police misconduct in the only way they can.

Patrick Roche. 14 Tooks Court, Cursitor Stree London EC4A 1JY.



were already in flower whilst the musk thistles are so common they have to be dug out. Their prickly rosette is the size of a large dinner plate. Next month the solitary flower head will be tumbling in the breeze. Cowslips were abundant. One piece of disturbed chalk land near Avebury was crammed with young cowslips and salad burnett interspersed with beech seedlings fallen from a tall stand of majestic trees. Very young large red damselflies welcomed us home. Nymph cases cling to the leaves of irises and rushes. The youngest have lime green stripes on the thorax and a body of transparent plum. They appear and disappear like wraiths. The swallows come. swooping over the water for a quick sip. AUDREY INSCH

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The Guardian Saturday May 11 1995 Neil Simon is the most successful playwright in the world - the bard of what goes on behind the bedroom door

The lives and wives of a legend



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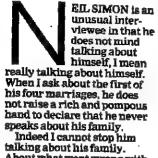
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About what went wrong with Joan (wife number one) and Marsha (wife number two) and Diane (confusingly wife number three and four). "I asked Marsha [Marsha

Mason, the actress and his second wife) to marry me two and a half weeks after I'd met her, that was three months after my first wife died." He shakes his head, still puzzled To this day that baffles me. Then he announces that he wishes his wife, Diane, was with him for our interview, so she could tell me what she really thinks about him. About the man who scrolled into the Nieman Marcus department store in New York one day, where she was work-ing behind the counter. As he got to the exit, laden with his

car, he leases one instead. What kind? "A small Mercedes." What model? "I don't know what model it is, you're sounding just like a policeman." he grumbles, hands in lap, his feet in Hush Puppies. 'I never set out to make money. It just comes, like some weird thing." And comes and comes. Though he has lost millions, Simon has made millions

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more. He just can't seem tu stop -- something which still confuses him because he grew up in a poor Brooklyn home, where his father disappeared with alarming regularity and there was never enough money to pay the bills.

And now here he is, the only living playwright with a theatre named after him on Broadway. Though he may not be a household name, you will probably know the titles of some of his sweet-bitter works. Barefoot In The Park (the film starred Robert Redford and Jane Fonda), The Odd Couple, Plaza Suite, Califorall this stuff. nia Suite (for which Maggie

Smith won an Oscar), They're Playing Our Song, Rumours, Lost in Yonkers, Brighton Beach Memoirs . . . In the last 29 years, he has written 24 parents' divorce in the bril-

'What interests me knowing what they Sharon Gless.

say to each other in the privacy of their own bed' ancer.

family corridor and found the President at his desk, still working. "They started talking and Hillary came in and they chatted about children. Bill wrote Diane a wonderful letter when her mother died.

"I watched him at the Kennedy Honours, and there were moments which were truly touching. A hundred homele children had been taught to lance, and I looked over at Bill and he had tears in his eyes and it was genuine. Then the papers say they're mock tears. He's not that good an actor." The Simons will both can-

vass in Hollywood for Clinton at the next election. But what, do they think about Whitewater? "Forget It. Let's talk about Gennifer Flowers. She was during the past not during his tenancy as the President JFK was doing it constantly only the press didn't talk about it. But now, he says despairingly, "there's just so many gossip shows for

Simon himself has been the subject of much gossip, though as he puts a great deal of his own experience on stage he cannot complain too loudly. His entire life is out there, from his childhood and

liant Brighton Beach Mem-oirs, to his adolescent army days in Biloxi Bhies; his first marriage in Barefoot In The Park and his second marriage in Chapter Two, currently enjoying a revival in the West End with Tom Conti and Chapter Two is a funny-sad

et. After two difficult years.

comedy based on Simon's -decision to marry Marsha Mason, soon after the death o his first wife Joan, from Simon and Mason met on



this particular shop assistant again. So he turned right around and went back and asked her for a date. She was a wannabe actress and he was the most performed playwright in the western world.

Christmas purchases, he sud-denly decided be couldn't

face the future without seeing

Heavens, this man is even frank about money. He has lost millions of the stuff. "Millions of dollars, yes," he nods. "I've gone into invest-ments and lost a lot of money What sort of investments? The sort of things investors told me to invest in, not things Tm interested in. Tve been taken in a little

bit, ripped off in a certain way. you know, they were overcharging me for things, because I never watched it carefully." He gives a hope-less, low-energy shrug and for a moment you can see why some fast-talking investment dealer might have thought Simon an Andrex touch. He apeaks gently and intensely. But he bears no sign of conspicuous consumption. In his pampas jumper and beige cords, he could almost be the sofa in his rented beige apartment at the Grosvenor House snooped off down the Clinton Hotel. He doesn't even own a

His building blocks are mardominated by Simon's guilt at his inability to forget Joan, they moved to California riage and relationships what makes them tic and toc — often based on his own where Marsha was nominated experiences. for an Oscar for best actress. Then her career stopped. "What interests me most about couples." says Simon, "is knowing what they say to

Simon explains: "I stopped it, well no, we mutually stopped each other in the privacy of their bedroom. I'm not talking it, because she went to a thera-pist who said, 'If you want to make this marriage work you've got to bond with the family and be there for about sex. Sometimes I look at people and I think, I don't think they talk about any-thing. They just say 'Well, we have to see Harold tomorrow.' Or 'I'm going to play golf and I them Eventually, she started working again but "she had to get out from being Mrs Nell have to get the car fixed.' You

Simon. It was quite a burden have to wonder why they or an actress." He falters. He was struck by this as he 'We never really discussed that things were bad. She said, lay between the linen sheets in T'm going, maybe I'll be back, maybe I won't.' " She wasu't. Though it lasted seven the guest room at the White House last December, after picking up a Kennedy Honour for lifetime

years, did he regret the end of the marriage? "A lot," he says. "I think she did too." "I know the Clintons, we've met a few times now, and I It took him a year to propose to wife number three. "I was afraid to get married again. I'd don't know what they say to each other. I do think they talk

though. This is not a couple lost one to death and one to divorce. It's not that I thought who don't have things to say to I'd picked wrong, because each time I selected wonderful women. All three of them were each other." Neil fell asleep before mid-night, but his wife Diane

very energetic, charismatic, marriage. I've never walked

Never say nisi . . . 'Tve never given up on a marriage. I've never walked out on any relationship in my life'

out on any relationship in my life," be says. Is that so he each other. I mean really talk feisty women; challenging, intelligent which means trouble some times. You know, this is not a pushover woman, I'm go doesn't have to face any blame? "No. Marsh and I were equally to blame. The last time ing to have to be on my toes all the time." it was Diane's decision." So what went wrong with number three? "It was Diane's decision. She needed space to Though many of his plays feature marriage, he does not write about sex. Why not? "I deal with some things. I always hoped we would get back together again." They did. She write about it, but I don't write about it in marriages. In my opinion, 1 think sex is the

swapped acting for journalism and after divorcing they promptly started dating again. A year later they remarried with a huge family ceremony at the couple's current home in

Bel Air. "Tve never given up on a

to each other." For a funny man --- and some of his plays are very funny — Simon does not laugh much. Today he stops at a wry grin which usually dissolves into an intense stare out of the window. He was once on the Johnny Carson Show. "The producer came up to me at half time and said 'Neil! Fun-nier' I could have killed him. It's like saying 'sexier." " And with that he is off. on greatest when you're in love with the person. It's extremely important. I don't think things get settled in the bed-

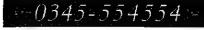
room. But if sex doesn't work Concorde, back to New York. out then there's going to be a certain roaming around look-Chapter Two's run at the

ing for it with someone else. "The thing about relation-Gielgud Theatre has now been extended to July 13 PHOTOGRAPH SEAN SMITH



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Alan Hansen got it badly wrong with the kids of Man Utd. VINCENT HANNA on the long line of soothsayers who have had to swallow their words

ELCOME to the special day when wives grant V V temporary relief from football abuse, when the habitually sober bave uncontrollable urges to drink beer from cans, make daft predictions and accost strangers with the words "Look, this will interest you " Have a nice Cup Final. I won't.

As usual mine will be ruined by Jane, Rachel, and David — but you didn't hear that from me. I am permitted only occasional glimpses at the match, due to their stupid obsession with rehearsing A Week in Politics. Oh you may laugh, but any social infraction on my part and they turn off the television.

The papers have been picking on Alan Hansen for predicting last year that Monobastics United cost 1 Manchester United couldn't win anything with kids which they have. Don't blame him — in the same week the Manchester Eve-

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ning News ran a poll calling for Alex Fergnson to depart. Alan has a long way to go before his dentopedology becomes terminal. So let us raise our beer cans to some legends of the genre. Like dear old Tommy Woodrooffe (Lt Commander retired) who did football on

the wireless in the 1930s. In the 1938 Cup Final he promised: "Tll eat my hat if a goal is scored." It was and he did. Coronation Naval review at Spithead. "The fleet's lit

regular first team place in big time soccer." Spitnean. The next shi up," he babbled (as indeed Tommy was binself). "it's...just fairyland — the whole fleet is in fairyland." Talent of that calibre knows not the boundaries of time or space. Mayor Jean Drapean of Montreal poured one billion dollars The BBC pulled the plug on down the drain of the 1976 him, and switched to the Carlton Hotel dance band. Olympics. On his political Something like that might work with Jimmy Hill. And two cheers for the tombstone they engraved his prediction: "The Olympic Games can no sports writer who watched more have a deficit than a man can have a baby."

the 17-year-old Stanley Matthews play. "Stanley Matthews lacks the big time Some of you will remember the moment in



temperament," he wrote, "he will never hold down a 1987 when Mystic Meg Thatcher told the Commonwealth: "Anyone who thinks that the ANC is going to run South Africa is living in cloud cuckoo land." Fewer may recall the Duke of Edinburgh's remark in 1965: "The Beatles, they're on the wane." But who among you is in a position to confirm Emperor (Les) Ferdinand of Austria's put-down of the young Mozart when he first heard the Marriage of Figaro: "Too noisy . . . far too many notes."

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- Weatherman Michael Fish Ge back to your constituencles and prepare for government David Steel at the

Liberal Party conference in 1981 I bet be added: "You can never win anything with operas written by kids." Fell you what, I'll ask Des Lynam, he will remember. This happens to be a good an actuary who thinks that if we don't take our daily dose of silly statistics, we'll fly off the earth into the sun - phoned me up. "Look,

this will interest you," he said — just like the other 20,000 nutters wandering Anyway he told me that

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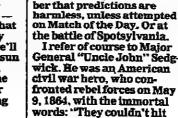
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 Radio has no future. hoax. So enjoy today's game ---even if I can't, and remem-



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today is the birthday of Jackie Milburn who scored the finest ever goal in a Wembley Cup Final. And on May 11, 1720, was born Baron von Munchhausen. You never win anything with kide — Alan Hansen Among his battier tales was a prediction that Liverpool A woman rang in earlier and said them was a harright on the way. Well, there isn's would win today — he was run out of town for it. But bow your heads for the King of British sooth-sayers, Lord Kelvin. He was isn't

a physicist who invented the second law of aerodynamics and was even more distinguished than Alan Hansen — no, I jest. While President of the

 Heavier-than-air flying machines would never get off the ground. • X-rays will prove to be a

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The British mock Eurovision. But in Norway and Sweden, where they take the song contest seriously, it has sparked a diplomatic war. **ANDREW CULF reports**

Nul points no more



nyiamas." Kleveland's sequined and flared pink pyjamas now have pride of place in Oslo Folk Museum's special Eurovision Song Contest museum. As a 16year-old girl, she was Norway's representative in the 1966 final in Luxembourg, with a ballad she describes as a mix of jazz and waltz, int et er nytt Under Solen (Nothing New Under The Sun), winning third place, the highest placed Norwegian entry for 19 years.

"It was a time of innocence. TV was in its early years, and the contest was still small." Kleveland remembers meeting Lido Jurgens, the man from Austria, who won. "There was a big scandal because he demanded his grand piano should be painted white and wanted chandeliers with real candles in them. He got away with it." She sees the contradiction be tween her present job at the Orwellian sounding ministry, promoting culture and Eurovision - feted throughout most of Europe as a celebration of naffness. "It is not important to the development of pop music, but it is fascinating as a TV

With an anticipated audience in more than 40 countries of 300 million for next Saturday's contest, her conclusion is indisputable The 6.000-seater Oslo Špektrum Stadium has been sold out for the final and two full dress rehearsals. "In spite of all the criticism, not least from British journalists,

In the grounds of the Folk Museum, 20-year-old Inger Eli-sabeth Solem, dressed in period costume in a timbertramed 1750s farmhouse, reveals how families gather for the contest, filling in charts in

the local newspaper deciding on their own scores for the songs. "It's the show we Norwe gians love to hate," she says. Everyone watches it for a good laugh because the songs are so had."

came one of our important ex-

ports — we were exporting

Norway to the rest of Europe.

Again, Kleveland was pro-pelled centre stage — the 1986 contest was staged in Bergen,

and she was given the job of presenting it. "I had the bonou

of Norway on my shoulders. I

felt I would have to emigrate if

anything went wrong," she

When Secret Garden tri-

umphed last year with Noc-

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no one has been able to kill it,"

Oelo made a public apology on Norway won itself a reputabehalf of his countrymen, contion as the Eurovision dunce in 1978 when, after a string of bad ceding the victory had been results. Jahn Teigen scored an infamous nul points. But all leserved. Kleveland regarded victory as sweet. Norway, buoyed by the riches of North sea oil and that changed in 1985 when the duo Bobbysocks took Norway gas, is enjoying unparalleled prosperity while Sweden is goto victory in Gothenburg. The last time the UK won was in

ing through tough times. "It is a little hard for them to adjust to Dublin in 1981 with Bucks Fizz helped by an energetic dance routine involving a partial the fact that little brother is striplease. Victory in 1985 restored Norgetting better off." she says. Norway will use next week to way's pride. Paul Mork, leader resent itself as a modern inof the Department of Public Af-fairs at the Folk Museum, says

dustrial nation, in the biggest showcase since it hosted the "It was thought it was impossible for Norway to win, but something that had been a joke 'Norway was a became very serious. After vic-tory in 1985 Bobbysocks be-

conservative country --- my grandma thought I had brought shame on her with

my pink pyjamas' Winter Olympics in Lilleham-

mer two years ago. Kleveland says: "It is important to balsuccessive Irish victories, Nor ance our traditional image and not just show us playing around in the mountains and way encountered the jealousy of its Scandinavian neighbours believing in trolls. We are a modern state after 25 years as a

Sweden. Sweden did not give Norway any votes and Secret Garden's ni-tech oil and gas nation." victory was followed by blan-Less than a mile away in his ket xenophobic coverage in the Swedish newspapers. Eventuimmaculate central Osio flat, Kato Hansen is keenly anticially, Sweden's ambassador to pating next weekend. Today,

with 150 fellow Norwegian R Finally Inding their L ... Abba nembers of the Eurovision fan club, he will be watching pre-(above) and Sweder view tapes of all 23 songs for انچ خد Eurovision in the seventies, while their own unofficial song contest. Later in the year they will stage another contest, voting way were busy on the songs placed second in coring no point iowever, all that each country's national heats, nged in 1985 Hansen, a translator and law when Bobbys student, describes his bedroom series, Marriel Contame as the sanctuary. It is more like entrant and Norway current Minister of a shrine to Eurovision. On shelves, neatly arranged in Culture Ase chronological order, are videos (Geveland (right) is of all but two of the previous 40

contests, audio cassettes of most of Terry Wogan's 20 plus commentaries, most of the Nor wegian national finals and an extensive archive of memora-bilia, including the lyrics of all

the songs. He became booked in 1974 when Abba won with Waterloo and has visited every final since 1965. Hansen says the cynics don't realise that every con-test contains a rich diet of drama and anecdotes. "There is too much negative comment in the media. It is like the crit-ics in the West End theatra in London — they kill for pleasure. It is the same with Eurovi sion. It is a stigma, there is a kind of journalistic cliche." Over at the headquarters of NRK, the Norwegian equiva-lent of the BBC, the contest is

threatening to break the bank; more than 550 people are work-ing on the three-hour extravaganza, a programme that will cost £4 million. Executive pro-ducer Odd Arvid Stromstad has tried to modernise the con-

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test, renaming it Euro Song and by using £1.2 million vir tual reality graphics for the hour-long climactic voting ritual. Stromstad was a risky choice for the job with his bac ground in producing rock shows. He confesses: "I pormally hate the music." Its main presenter, Morten Harket, the lead singer from the group A-Ha has similar reservations, but he'll be joined on stage by the sobering influence of NRK's Washington corre-

spondent, Ingvild Bryn. Preparations almost went awry a fortnight ago when a hotel strike threatened Norway's ability to cope with an influx of 1,500 Eurovision delegates and hangers-on. But NRK was inundated with offers from Oslo residents to accommodate

the singers, particularly the



UK's Australian-born Gina G. Her entry, O Ooh-Ash, Just A Little Bit, is among the fancied entrants, but so too is Norway, with the reappearance of Elisebeth Andreassen, half of the former Bobbysocks, But even victory in the Eurovision is not an automatic paseport to fame for a Norwegian

Last year's singer Ginnhild Tvinnreim was back at work three days after victory, ironing costumes for the open air displays at the Folk Museum. Meanwhile Jahn Teigen, the man who had 13 attempts to represent his country in the final, has launched a success-ful career as TV commentator on the back of his nul points.

The Eurovision Song Contest is on Saturday May 18 at 8pm on POP Ortuital BBC1 and Radio 2.

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taken us 50 years to set up a

court? These and other ques tions emerge from Norton Taylor's skilfully edited text

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vious Goering is first-rate, William Hoyland's Keitel

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memorably crumbles when confronted with self-implicat-

ing documentary evidence. Ideally, Nuremburg would

be followed by a nightly de-

bate about the issues in-volved. Instead it is preceded

by three short "responses" dealing with its contemporary implications. One of these,

comparable international

Reviews

THEATRE Nuremburg Tricycle, London

ACT in the theatre is always gripping; and Guard-ian journalist Richard Norton-Taylor's Nuremburg, an edited version of the War Crimes Trial, could hardly be more timely as Dusko Tadic takes the stand at the Hague for crimes against humanity. But while Nicholas Kent at th Tricycle deserves credit for the idea — and for producing one of the best theatre programmes I've ever seen — be bes somewhat over-egged the pudding by commissioning three short plays on Haiti, Rwanda and former Yugoslavia. Taken together,

they make for an exhausting four-hour evening. Nuremburg is so strong it could stand on its own. What emerges, as the defendants go on trial, is the variety of moral evasions they offer. Goering, although Hiller's designated

successor, denies all knowl-edge of systematic liquidation policies. Field-Marshal Keitel, chief of staff of the Wehrmacht takes refuge in the doctrine of military obedience. Alfred-Rosenberg, a Nazi ideologue, hides behind semantic quibbles over the meaning of Ausrottung ("extermination"). Even on its own, Nurem-

burg raises a whole series of fascinating issues. By focusng on major war criminals, did the trial implicitly exonerate the whole bureau-cracy of evil? Did the Allies sweep their own crimes unde the carpet? And why has it

THEATRE Edward II

Bolton Octagon HERE is not a red-hot polar to be seen in Laur-ence Till and Kate Raper's bold, impeccably acted, pro-duction that treats Marlows's tragedy much more as a contemporary gay love story than as a history play. Edward (Raymond Coulthard) is killed not as a murder-ous Lightborn but by the ghost of Gaveston (Joseph Jones), who washes Edward's body and, in a final act of love, des-patches him with a kiss amid a shower of bloody rain. Such images are used to powerful effect in a production that reaps the benefit of Es Devlin's striking tiled design --- part gay bath-house and part abattoir.

the action), is not an act of vandalism but has real creative purpose. The song Heart ache may be a little obvious for the loveless faibella but a terrific reodering of Strange Fruit, as Gaveston gets the tarand-paint treatment, underscores his outside status as. both a commoner and a say. What the production lacks in sophistication it makes up for in accessibility. In a play

where the giggle quotient can be high there was only rapt attention during the schools matines I attended. Until May 25. Box office: 01204 020001

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Images of clocks and metronomes emphasised the urgency of the melodies and a global sense of time running out, the word "uranium" appeared

Goran Stafanovski's Ex-Yu about a woman seeking information about her father's suicide during the Balkan war, is genuinely haunting Keith Reddin's Balti also neatly dramatises the specific case of an American officer who was court-martialled for unilaterally releasing prison-ers from a Haitian jail. But Femi Osofian's Reel, Rwanda does little more than recapitulate the appalling masslaughter of Tutsis and moder ate Hutus. Four plays together are a bit much to absorb at one go. But Nuremburg is indispens-able and the Tricycle deserves praise for airing one of the key issues of our time, how we respond judicially to the horrors of genocide. D At the Tricycle, Kilburn (0171-328-1000) until June 8. Michael Billington There are more shocks in story for Marlowe purists. But the insertion of several Billie Holliday numbers, sung by Pauline Black (sometimes per

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forming in character as Edward's spurned wife Isa-bella and sometimes outside



hind. Six years on from their rave smash Chime, the Hart-nolis' recent hit The Box was the most sinister record ever in the Top 20, a neo-symphonic soundtrack of creaks and wangs. The duo here presented a multimedia experience, an sural/visual sensurround of giant

De Montfort University, next to a human foetus, while Leicester

dark sides of planets and pul-sating beams and beats.

Radio

Anne Karpf

OW often can a radio

station change its tuns? Well, Talk Radio, the

ailing national station barely 1: months old, is already in its

third incarnation. Launched on

tion of a load of old jocks --Simon Bates, Jonathan King --as well as the recruitment of a

touch of gravitas (Trevor Mc-

Donald), with the aim of taking on the BBC, head to head. No

other new programme director pushed them (or they jumped),

bringing in a new bunch of pre-

senters, including the current breakfast show host, Paul Ross,

sooner hired than fired: an-

Jock traps

elsewhere slogans such as "work" and "consume" provided gripping edutainment. But the music was writ largest. Symphonic keyboard hooks crashed in like sun rays, breathtaking in their beauty. Just as it seemed that Orbital couldn't possibly take us further, they returned to their roots with a pulverising display of hi-energy techno. Ut-terly deserving of their standing ovation, Orbital are

creating the soundtrack to a screens, airborne projections, freer-thinking generation.

Dave Simpson

Pearl Carr & Teddy Johnson (Sing Little Birdis), Wogan and Sonia (oh dear), Bucks Fizz (Making Your Mind Up), Cliff Richard (Congratulations), Gina G (O Ooh-Aah, Just A Little Bit) Cheesy wotsits

Television

Stuart Jeffries *************************

FEW years ago there was a dreadful film about American perceptions of Europe called National Lampoon's European Vacation. In one scene, the vacationing family were watching TV in their London hotel room. As they flicked between the three channels, each one was screening a documentary about chees

Thank heavens things have improved since then — after all,

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plain about Friday evening schedules: after all there is Big we have one more terrestrial channel and cheese counter after cheese counter of cable Break. Just what viewers need and satellite stations. But Friafter 5,000 hours of live day night programming still snooker has as much to offer as that It used to be different ----Monty Python cheese shop: "So you don't have any cheese, then." "Er, no." "Then I'm

whiff of exploitative crime

entertainments (999. Expert

culture (Gardeners' World,

seeks nourishment.

hard Cheddar for anyone who

Or perhaps it's unfair to com-

there were once fine sitcoms. at least, which made Friday evenings worth staying in for. afraid I'm going to have to shoot you." From the offensive Cheers, Roseanne, Frasier, The Fast Show, the occasional episode of Ellen — bell, even Friends when it didn't involve Witness, Crime Story) and the delicate aroma of full-fat hortithe monkey. But now, there is so little of Garden Party), to the sickening fondue of stale sitcoms, this is

quality that the end of the ex-cellent series of Father Ted Channel 4) last night leaves us in pretty much the same posi-tion as the alcoholic Father Jack. There he was, having

bailed out from the doomed airliner with the plane's two parachutes (one for him, one for the drinks trolley), only to wind un 30.000 feet below dangling by his chute in a tree. with the drink just out of reach. Like him, our spirits have plummeted on Fridays, and wound up dangling frus-tratingly, cursing our ill-luck and mouthing our demands: "Arse! Feck! Cake! Girls! Drink!"

It's perhaps not a coinci-dence that Father Ted has only been going for a handful of epi-sodes, while the current series of Roseanne and Cybill (both Channel 4) have been going for 37 years and will in fact never end. This series of Rosearine has been one too far: last week's episode set in Dis neyworld seemed like a nice outing for the cast, but for no one else; this week's,

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Gilles Jacob,

head of the

Cannes festi-

val, must be

a strong can

about David being brainwashed when he joined the staff of a bunny theme park, continued the trend of lumber ing, right-on humour of recent weeks. How sad that a team of such accomplished comic ac-tors should be mired in these lismal scripts. The first of a new series of Murder Most Horrid (BBC2) was called Girl Friday — per-haps Dawn French could bring ome wit to this desert island of Friday nights. But no. Part of the problem was that she was playing an omnicompe-tent PA to Nigel Havers's omnilecherous boss. Nigel Havers, Googie Withers, Jennifer Saunders --- never trust some one with a verb for a surname. Like French, his acting was am

dram and his punchlines hum

But this six-part series is

their screen personas negligible. BBC2 could remedy its comedy-lite status by returning The Larry Sanders Show and Seinfeld to Tuesday nights. Now the darts and snooker see

French, in which, each week,

she brings another character (

life. Unfortunately, her comic

skills chiefly consist in cutesy

mugging which, when wedded to Paul Smith's unsubtle script

does not make for refined entertainment. She is as much

a character actor as Roseanne

tresses so nearly playing them selves as to make the difference

between their real selves and

or Cybill Shepherd, both ac-

a swirl of hype about the shock-ingness of its jocks, phase one ended with the ignominious sons are apparently over (do these things have seasons?), can we anticipate their return? Most likely, they're going to be postponed thanks to the loom-ing Euro '96 football championdispatch of at least two of them, Caesar the Geezer and Al Kelly, whose schtick (as every same person had predicted) didn't make the audience stick. Phase two saw the excava-

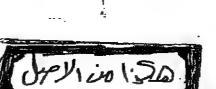
posed to be a vehicle for ships. Arse! Feck! Mike Leigh's Secrets And Lies tipped for Palme D'Or

> botographer who repre the successful side, guiltily realising that he has neglecte the woman who looked after him as a child. What happens when the black girl is introduced into the equation forms the core of the film.

brother of Jonathan Hearing Ross for the first The performances are superb and Blethyn, in particutime is disconcerting, since he lar. must be among the favour sounds uncannily like his sibling — the same voice (replete with soft "r"), fast-talking style, film fanaticism. Ross's talent, ites for the Best Actress award. But the confidence of the film-making, the warmth of its observation and the way one suspects, is for quickit holds itself firmly on the thinking repartee, but he gets little chance to air it in this edge of parody and something much profound makes Secrets And Lies exceptional True, it is a little too long at

phone-in cum guest show. What he did display last week was toadyism on an intergalactic scale. His interview with two hours 20 minutes, and the Jeffrey Archer was so deferenfinal declaration that we are all in pain but unable to share tial that it makes him an early it with eachother seems a bit contender for Fawn of the Year. too obvious. But you can Archer was not only allowed to puff his "novelography" right down to the different ignore small flaws when some one produces a film that enterprices at which it's selling but tains so well yet still says so

much that's important. also to promote his own industry, life and political party with-Dorek Malooim out hindrance from Ross, until



a saucy caller questioned Archer's educational qualifications, in a second piercing the good Lord's jovial front and touching the less benign mar-row within. Ross also conducted an interview with the leader of Newcastle City Council which was awesome in its boringness. He hurtles through it all pell-mell as though any pause for breath might admit great gusts of embarrassment as well. This is an example of a perfectly congenial chap promoted into the wrong slot at the wrong time. If it's expected to improve Talk Radio's fortunes, God help them.

Jazz FM has also reincar-nated recently, even recovering its original name after a spell as JFM because its owners, Golden Rose, and their then chief executive, David Maker, believed that jazz was such a dirty word that its mere presence in the station's name would turn off hoardes of listeners. In fact Jazz FM is doing -and sounding - better now, playing more jazz, than it did before; after years as a surrogate soul station, you can today (not always, but usually) identify it on the dial by sound alone, unlike in the dark days where you needed to know the frequency or hear its jingle to know it was a soi-disant jazz station. But I still think it needs to be a national and not a local station to serve the country's jazz enthusiasts.

Viva also hopes to achieve an afterlife, through the me-dium of Mohamed Al-Fayed. An awful lot of guff has been expended to explain its demise, as if it signalled another nail in the coffin of feminism. But as the few souls who ever managed to hear it can testify. Viva wasn't feminist in the least. Its initiators were desperate not to alienate men and in the process they cleverly managed to alienate everyone.

Awesome... the year's most must-see movie Cannes didate for the Palme D'Or this year. Possibly the British di-rector of Naked, for which he was made Best Director two years ago, could do without such prognostications. But there's no doubt that Secrets And Lies, his new film, is the kind of work no international jury could ignore. It is not a state of the nation epic like Naked, but a more intimate family drama, A FILM BY LARRY CLARK though Leigh might well argue MASTERPIECE that the state of families is as Wake up your own mind fundamentally important as the condition of the nations of

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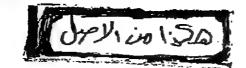
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The Guardian Saturday May 11 1996 This delightful sketch by

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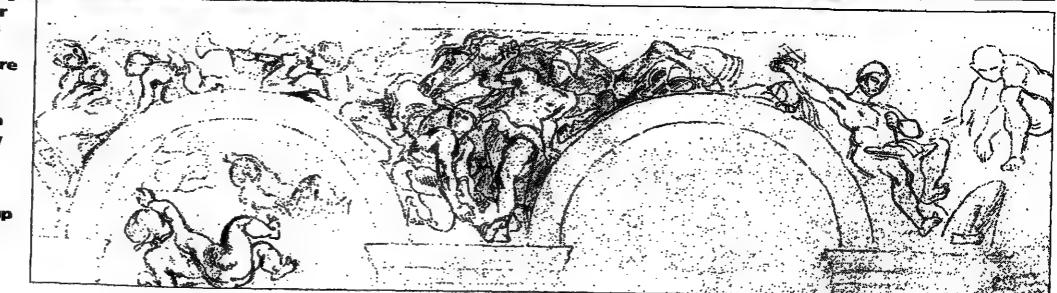
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pictures shown here were bought for the nation in

1918 by Maynard Keynes, left. As they go on show, **RICHARD SHONE tells** how Keynes snapped up bargains from Degas's personal collection and did rather well himself



Keynes's economies of sale NE DUNCAN GRANT COLLECTION, GR

Do buy Ingres Portrait of Self. Cezanne, Corot, even at cost of losing others

O RUNS an exhortative telegram sent by the young painter Duncan Grant to his friend John Maynard Keynes on March 23 1918, in the final gloomy months of the first world war.

On a brief visit to London from Sussex, where Grant was working as a farm labourer, he had seen a copy of the cata-logue to the forthcoming sale in Paris of the collection of Edgar Degas who had died the previous year. The sale con-tained not only Degas's huge collection of works by other artists but also the contents of his studio which included an immense quantity of his paintings, particularly early ones, many late pastels of dancers and women bathing and innumerable drawings and

studies from all periods. Degas was an incorrigible hoarder and disliked selling his own works as much as he liked amassing those by his heroes and contemporaries. His friend Walter Sickert described the three floors of the 'one to live in, one above for his collection, and, at the top of the house, his studio. I have sometimes in the second apartment threaded my way with him, by the light of a candle, through the forest of easels standing so close to

Degas's On the Beach, Manet's Music in the Tuileries Gardens and much else but these (time-shared with the National Gal-lery of Ireland) hung at the Tate Gallery. The Derge sale currels Gallery. The Degas sale surely offered an opportunity to en-rich the collection with works that might well go relatively cheaply, considering the unpropitious circumstances of the

Keynes was greatly taken by his friend's idea. A few days later, after dinner in London, he, Grant and Vanessa Bell pored over the catalogue, their mouths watering over the black-and-white reproductions of works by Ingres and Cezanne. The next day Keynes

buying at the sale. British war-time loans to

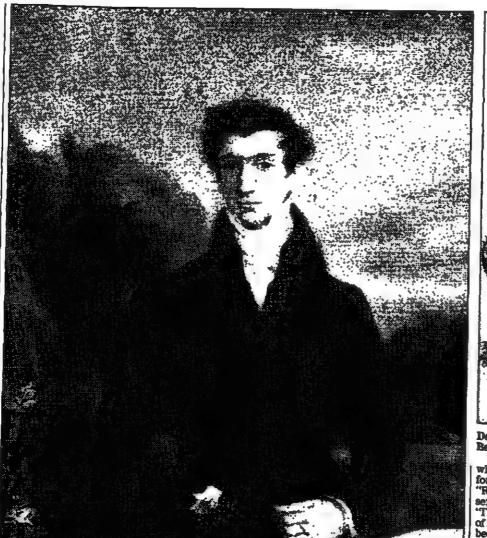
Meanwhile, Lord

Curzon, a member

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iso avoid the likely criticism of spending public money on pictures at a time of





Denx Danseuses au maillot, Degas (King's College, Cambridge) Baron Schwiter, left, (detail) Delacroix (National Gallery)

when Vanessa Bell showed it for the first time to Roger Fry: "Roger very nearly lost his senses," she wrote to a friend. Twe never seen such a sight of intoxication. He was like a bee on a sunflower ... [The apples] really are very superb. The longer one looks the

regrettable is the timidity of his colleagues at the Tate Gallery in the 1920s and 1930s who steadfastly turned their faces against earlier twentieth-Century art

In 1965 I was lucky enough to be taken by Duncan Grant to see Keynes's collection at Tilton, the house he had occupied across the fields from Charleston, Lady Keynes – the great Russian dancer Lydia Lopokova — led a reclu sive life there. I was surprised to find many of the more valuable pictures skied on the drawing-room walls, very dif-ficult to see. Apparently it was to thwart burglars; they couldn't reach them. There was Seurat's glowing study for La Grande Jatte, Degas's little Delacroix painting, a wonderful cubist Braque and Cé zanne's The Rape (like the Ap-ples, recently lent to the exhibition at the Tate Gallery by King's Collega, Cam-bridge). On the back of a lavatory door, a Degas nude study hung precariously. Upstairs on the landing were shelter drawings by Henry Moore and a big Ivon Hitchens landscape. In Keynes's bedroom, the little Apples and the ingres nude. Lopokova supplied a bottle of Liebfraumilch — it was 3.30 in the afternoon --- and it was then that I heard about the Vente Degas - about Maynard's powers of persuasion, Holmes shaving off his beard ("not that anyone in Paris would have recognised him") and the Cézanne in the hedge. With habitual modesty, Grant omitted his crucial role

young. He admired Manet, held Degas "a great artist" and in the whole affair and Lopoeo nim, wim ha ual mischlevousness, that it

was indeed he who had "May-

Well, yes," Grant conceded. "I

nard round his little finger

suppose I was to blame."

set to work using all his famous powers of persuasion. He first approached Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exche quer. Law was amused by his request - Keynes never usually recommended the spending of money — but was won round by his argument. Keynes streased the financial advantages, as against the aesthetic ones, of the government

the French were "colossal" and there was small chance of seeing their return when even the repayment of interest was doubtful. Why not get the French government to place the necessary sum in francs. into the British Embassy account in Paris? By that mean we would in effect pay nothing for any works purchased, a so-lution in which Keybes delighted. It would

At the third Degas sale in April 1919 Keynes, then

attending the Paris Peace Conference, bought four large chalk drawings 'to cheer himself up'

each other that we could hardly pass between them, each one groaning under a life-sized portrait by Ingres, or

holding early Corota" White bearded, nearly blind for several years, ("as beauti-ful as Romer ... That doesn't cheer me up" he quipped), eventually wandering in mind and hardly conscious of the war, Degas died in Paris aged 83. For years he had been a frenzied collector, particularly of works by Ingres, Delacroix. Corot and Daumierfrom an earlier generation, and by his own contemporaries such as Manet, Cézanne and Gauguin.

There were nearly 2,000 lithographs by Daumier, all of Manet's prints, superb Japanese colour woodcuts by Uta-maro and Hiroshige, etchings by Whistler, Mary Cassatt and the great Punch artist Charles Keene; paintings by Boudin and Pissarro and Van Gogh. The quality was high; he had the capacity for acquiring works that spoke of the essential character of each artist. His one Sisley, for example, of the Seine in flood, is entirely representative. And what could be more quintessential than his small Cézanne of seven apples on a table-top? Relatively few artists are systematic collectors. They have neither the time nor, in most cases, the money. But some of the greatest figures have built highly personal col-lections, from Rembrandt's hoard of Italian paintings and drawings to Picasso's treasures by Degas, Cézanne,

Matisse. Nearer our own time artists such as Henry Moore and Jasper Johns have been richly acquisitive but none has touched Degas in scale and quality. So huge was his estate that its sale had to be divided into four parts - two in the spring of 1918 and two a year later (which consisted of Degas's own works on paper). Fired by the Illustrations in the catalogue, Duncan Grant tackled Maynard Keynes, then at the Treasury, over the possi-bility of the government drafting money to the National Gallery to acquire some of the works. There were relatively few paintings by nineteenth-century French artists at Trafalgar Square at that time (and nothing by Ingres or Delacroix). The great bequest of 1917 from Sir Hugh Lane, who had drowned in the Lusitania gave us Renoir's Umbrellas,

eau, Renoir and

National Gallery, supported the idea and, under his guidance, a letter was sent to the Treasury asking for £20,000, signed by Charles Holmes, the gallery's director

On March 21 Duncan Grant vas working in the fields at Charleston in Sussex when he was handed a telegram from Keynes: "Money secured for pictures," Two days later Keynes wrote to Vanessa Bell. also at Charleston, telling her of his "whirlwind coup" and that he would be able to attend. the sale himself as he was going to Paris as part of a Treasury delegation of the Inter-Ally Council in International Finance. To avoid publicity, Holmes would travel out as a ember of the delegation.

His autobiography conveys the infectious excitement of his mission. The National Gallery's purchase grant had in stopped since the start of the war. Now he had an unexpected £20,000 to play with.

Keynes's success raised cheers in Bloomsbury ("I think a feast off our pig will be one of your rewards," Vanessa Bell wrote) though there was some worry that Roger Fry was unavailable to discuss possible purchases with Holmes whose eye seemed set on the older masters in the sale rather than on the Post-Impressionists. It was then that Duncan Grant sent off the last-minute tele-

gram quoted above. The delegation arrived in Paris in time for Holmes, Keynes and Austen Chamber-lain, leader of the Finance Mission, to view the sale at the Galerie Georges Petit. Holmes had to contend not only with the unfamiliarity of French suction procedures, the Scylla of Keynes whispering Cézanne in one ear and the Cha-rybdis of Chamberlain dissuading him from an El Greco

he liked in the other, but with the alarming possibility of a bombardment on Paris, the Germans having broken through the allied lines. The next afternoon, March 26. Holmes was in his seat. having shaved off his beard and put on spectacles in order not to be recognised by other

gallery directors and dealers in the saleroom. Bidding was desultory. After an hour, as Holmes later wrote, "a dull 'Boom' sounded outside, as if a smallish bomb British Museum). had dropped. 'C'est le canon' was heard on all sides, and

people began to leave the room." Big Bertha — the Germans' biggest gun - was in action. Thus in a somewhat depleted crowd Holmes quickly secured Ingres's Por-

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trait of Monsieur Norvins for 70,000 francs (about £2,700) --much less than expected --and, against strong competi tion from the Louvre, bought

Delacroix's great full-length portrait of Baron Schwiter. These were the finest works acquired. They were soon oined by an early Corot landscape, three more small paint-ings by Ingres, the fragments of Manet's large Execution of Emperor Maximilian which Degas had rescued from poss ible destruction, Manet's Lady with a Cat (25,500 francs

about £1.000), a flower piece by Gauguin and several works on paper (which went to the The next day, Big Bertha having fallen silent (she was temporarily indisposed), bid ding was brisk and high and

Holmes bought no paintings and only a few drawings. The sale ended with £5.000 unspent. On the following day, the delegation returned to

England, the pictures in a massive crate deposited at Trafalgar Square shortly be-fore midnight. Keyues arrived at Charleston after dinner, having been dropped by Austen Chamber lain in a government car at the bottom of the long dark lane to the farmhouse. He told his

friends "he had left a Cézanne by the roadside!" Vanessa Bell later wrote to Roger Fry. "Duncan rushed off to get it nd you can imagine how exciting it all was!...The Cé-zanne is really amazing....It's so extraordinarily solid and alive. It's the little one of seven apples that we liked so

much, very small indeed." Whether Keynes had planned to buy for himself at the sale or whether it was an impulsive move is unknown but, besides the Céranne, he also bought an Ingres

nucle study, a small painting and a peocil drawing by Delacroix of a study for a frieze in

the Palais Bourbon, which he gave to Duncan Grant and which may still be seen at Charleston. A painting by Cézanne in private hands in England was rare indeed; there was none in a public collection (and

wouldn't be until 1933). Years later, the writer David Garnett, also at Charleston on nert, also at charleston on that memorable evening, told me that Lord Curson had more or less forbidden Holmes to bid for a Cézanne. Such antipathy in official circles continued for some time and the Tate Gallery even refused a loan of two Cézannes three years later. So Keynes's small but perfectly formed still life became an object of pilgrimage by young painters such as Mark

Gertler and Edward Wolfe, Its talisman status impressed even Virginia Woolf whose usual attitude to modern painting was one of amused scepticism. She was present

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April 1919 Keynes, then attending the Paris Peace Conference, bought four large chalk drawings by the master himself "to cheer himself up" Duncan Grant later told me so horrified was he by negotia tions he regarded as wicked.

The Degas sale marked the real beginning of Keynes's colection. Over the next three or four years he purchased paintings by Seurat, Cézanne, Derain, Braque and Matisse and drawings by Picasso and Modigliani as well as numerous works by English painters such as Walter Sickert and Matthew Smith. Most of these were bought at the insistence of Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell

The works acquired at the Degas sale were the unexpected benefits of shrewd war-time speculation. The Cézanne cost him 9,000 francs (about £330) and altogether he spent about £1,540. Later pur-chases belong to a period of substantial personal wealth. immediately boosted by the tremendous sales of his Economic Consequences of the Peace (1919). Keynes was not the most ad-

enturous of collectors and his taste, when buying on his own, was uncertain. Nor did he have the princely resources of his friend Samuel Courtauld. But he was conspicuous in England for the range of works he owned, and their domestic character fruits of a sympathetic col-laboration with his two

painter friends But what of the National Gallery? Holmes was reason ably happy with what he had acquired and was determined to buy works by Degas himsel at the second sale in May 1918. A grant of £3,000 was made available; Holmes consulted Roger Fry and together they drew up a list and entrusted bidding to Eric Maclagan of the Victoria and Albert Museum (later its director), then

working in Paris. But in spite of all Macla-gan's efforts he could purchase nothing. Many dealers were in the room, above all the loyen of the Paris art world, Ambroise Vollard, who bought on a lavish scale; prices were high; the French state was determined not to miss several important works In the and a not especially inspiring Degas portrait of Prin-cess Metternich was purchased by the National Art-Collections Fund who gave it soon afterwards to the Tate Gallery. Were Holmes's purchases

"idiotic" as Vanessa Bell thought? It is hard to tell how much his hands were tied by his trustees and to know how

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bid on several at the sale; unfortunately he secured only the modest Vase of Flowers which sadly remains, nearly 80 years later, the only Gauguin owned by the National Gallery.

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fected his purchases. He had never taken the leap into mod-

ernism that had turned his

Roger Fry into a hero of the

friend and contemporary

Not to have bought Cézanne may have been unforgivable in Bloomsbury and can certainly be viewed as shortsighted. Several major public European collections already owned work by him. But for Holmes, it would have been

uncharacteristically daring. On the evidence, he acquitted himself well. Much more

Richard Shone is associate editor of the Burlington Magazine. Degas As A Collector, a representative exhibition of paintings once owned by Degas, is at the National Gallery from May 22 to August 26. On with it, for the same period, is Degas: Beyond impressionism, late paintings by Degas from collections around the world



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Serge Chermayeff

Master of modernism

ERGE Chermayeff, who has died aged 95, was the last of the great modernist architects who pracused in Britain in the 1930s. By the end of that decade he had joined the drift westwards to the United States, following Walter Gropius, Marcel Breuer and his own one-time London partner Eric Mendelsohn. Like them he fell easily into the role of architectural guru there.

His best known building is the beautiful and buoyant De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhillon-Sea, Sussex, designed in 1935 in partnership with Mendelsohn and recently restored For many people in Britain this was their first sight of a dazzling clean-cut edifice in concrete, glass and steel. It was the first public building in the country in international modernist style. The Pavilion was built as a modern pleasure palace by an architect who took his pleasures seriously. Chermayeff was the most flamboyant of the modernists, a lover of theatre. jazz, adventuring, sunbathing and sea.

At the time of the Bexhill Pavilion competition there were bitter attacks from within the profession that the winners were two emigré architects at a time when work for British architects was scarce. There were also protests from the fascists. Mendelsohn had indeed just recently arrived in Britain from Berlin. But the Russianborn Chermayeff had in fact been sent over from Moscow by his parents for an English education at the age of 10. This was an old Harrovian who had had to waive his place at Trinity College. Cambridge, when the Revolution came.

Chermayeff survived hard times with imaginative flair, taking a job with the Amal-gamated Press in London, working as a gigolo at the Barclay and Savoy, and opening a dance hall in Buenos Aires. Like a character in Waugh he lived by his charm, his quick wit and twinkling toes. In 1924 be changed his name from Issakovitch to Chermayeff

| friendships with such contemand took British citizenship oorary British artists as in 1928. Chermayeff's big break was the 1929 Modern Furnishing

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tional training, like his most brilliant London modernist

contemporary Wells Coates. He was made director of the

with good proportion and a more generous acknowledg-

ment of colour." Chermayeff, working with the French de-

shoppers an English version

to bemused Oxford Street

the 1925 Paris exhibition.

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Bauhaus-by-the-sea.

Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Ben Nicholson, John exhibition at Waring & Gillow Piper and Eric Ravilious. He had opened his own architecin Oxford Street. He was by then married to the beautiful tural office in the Pantheon in and well-connected Barbara Oxford Street and fell under the spell of new materials and Maitland May whose father new methods of construction. introduced him to Lord Waring. Chermayeff drifted into With Raymond McGrath,

Wells Coates, and Mansfield Forbes, a famously eccentric English don at Cambridge, he founded the 20th-Century Group, dedicated to creating modern art department at a moment when Waring & Gilnew, more fluent and exhilarating social structures, making use of the new technology. low, up till then entirely loyal to the three-piece suite, set ou to create a new style that com-His first important official commission was for the new bined "simplicity and beauty BBC building in London in 1932. Studios were designed by three modernist architects -Chermayeff, Coates and McGrath — inevitably known as "the three musketeers." signer Paul Follot, introduced Their work was not universally approved of. Once it was discovered that the clinical of deco moderne, as shown in decor of Chermaveff's Talks

Room was upsetting the per-formers the design was amended to give it the reas-suring comfort of the library His magnificent Ruhlmannstyle cocktail cabinet in macassar and ebony dating from this period is in Brighton Art Gallery and Museum and in an archetypal English there is a fine example of the country house. His work for the BBC art deco rugs he designed for the Wilton Royal Carpet Com-pany in the V&A. In 1930 brought Chermayeff into con-tact with leftwing politicians Chermayeff designed the inteand scientists; Bertrand Rusrior of the Cambridge Theatre, one of the first modsell, J D Bernal, Alfred Ba-charach, J B S Haldane, Ju-lian Huxley. He was always ern theatres in Britain, and

also designed some of the sets eloquent on the need for for the opening revue in which Beatrice Lillie starred. greater interaction between art and science. Chermayeff's furniture was now becoming HERMAYEFF defunctional and minimalist. scribed the 1930s as The Pel steel frame and can-"the most rewarding vas stacking chairs, still surperiod of my life." It was then he met Eric Gill,

viving in church halls all over in Britain, were designed origwhose professional rigour and inally for the BBC. He and Coates designed, for E K Cole, the Ecko wireless receiving enced him deeply. With Gill, Amédée Ozenfant, H T Wijde sets in moulded brown or veld, and the composer Paul black Bakelite that, 40 years Hindemith, Chermayeff made later, became collectors' heady plans for founding an items, perhaps the most evoc-Académie Européanne Médi-lerranée on a site above the bay formed by Cap Nègre and the Pointe du Rossignol. This ative of products of that time. Chermayeff's links with the European modernists had begun in the late 1920s when he travelled on the Continent for Waring & Gillow. They bewas to be a multi disciplinary

At the same time Chercame increasingly important mayeff was making lasting in the 1930s as Chermayeff de-



veloped his mature style. The other such modernist pairmost powerful influence was that of Eric Mendelsohn, Gerings, the most notable of which was Gropius and Max-well Fry. The Bexhill Pavilion man architect of the Einstein lower in Potsdam and the ears the Mendelsohn im-Shocken department stores in print but claims that it was Stuttgart and Chemnitz. Menwholly Mendelsohn's are erdelsohn was an innovator in roneous. The auditorium and steel and concrete structures with a particular Expressionmuch of the interior furnishing was Chermayeff's work. ist fluency. The Cohen house in Old When Mendelsohn came to England in 1933, a refugee Church Street, Chelsea, (now

defaced by a Norman Foster from the Nazi regime, he and conservatory) was another Chermayen became partners. remarkable example of their The RIBA ruling that foreign short-lived but productive architects could be employers pannership. but not employees resulted in After Mendelsohn's depar

ture to the US Chermayeff deligned laboratories for ICI at Blakely in Manchester and London offices for W & A Gilbey. He worked closely with the German emigré structura engineer Felix Samuely, evolving new solutions to industrial problems of noise abatement and air conditioning, From the mid-1930s Cher mayeff's reputation rested mainly, however, on his in-creasingly soigné modernist domestic work. His own house, Bentley Wood at Halland in Sussex,

was described by John Sum-

sibly for the erection of shel-

ters fit for heroes to survive in." In 1946, he became an

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An edifice in concrete, glass and steel. : . the De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill-on-Sea PHOTOGRAPH DANIEL ROTH

American citizen, the second

Chermayeff became profes-sor of design at Brooklyn Col-

lege in New York, and was then appointed president and

director of the Institute of De-

sign in Chicago in succession to Lazslo Moholy-Nagy, an-

other ex-Bauhaus emigré. In

1952 he moved to Harvard as

professor of architecture after

the retirement of Walter Gro-pius, and from 1962 he taught

at Yale. Both his sons made

their careers in American vi-

sual arts: Peter Chermayeff an an architect and Ivan Cher-

mayeff as a graphic designer in the influential partnership

Chermayeff and Geismar.

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Serge Chermayeff was a

scribed him as "modernist in

aesthetics, impeccably snob-

radical or at least radical chie in politics." His closest mod-.

bish in dress and manners,

ern counterpart is Richard Rogers, a student of his at Yale, who absorbed the pro-fessional arrogance and glam-

our. Chermayeff's views

and overtly public spaces reverberaie through Rogers's Reith lectures of 1994.

He was fond of quoting

Wyndham Lewis: "Architects!

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merson as "the most aristocratic building of the decade." This is a long low building, glass and timber, rising like : modernist temple from a pedi-ment of brick. Bentley Wood was a gathering point for the work of many of Chermayeff's friends. Henry Moore's Recumbent Figure, at the in-tersection of the terrace and the lawn, was intended to provide "a kind of focal point of all the horizontals." Bentley Wood served as a turning point not just for Chermayen as an architect but also for Moore as a sculptor of outdoors.

Tread to the

E DESIGNED some superb flats in that

great age of the Lon-don flat dweller, including one in Mayfair for Dorothy and Leonard Elmhirst, founders of the arts educational community at Dart-ington and modernist connoisseurs. His own favour ite pre-war interior was the flat at Marble Arch designed for Commander Edward Heywood-Lonsdale, flag-lieutenant to Lord Louis Mounibatien. In 1940 Chermayeff left London in great bitterness. His office had closed down for

lack of work. He had been rejected when he attempted to enlist. At the outset of war he had been responsible for drawing up a Plan for Air Raid Precaution: A Practical Policy, and in a farewell article he drew the bleak conclusion that "little has been gained in our lifetime through technical ability or newly developed social conscience, for lack of opportunity to apply them intelligently, except pos

upreme example in the 20th century of architect as vorticist. He was in many ways an architectural oddity, the irrepressibility, like his finest buildings, full of movement, light and hope.

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Serge Chermayell, architect and ligner, barn October 8, 1900; died May 8, 1996

Harry Diamond

Weekend Birthdays

Blair plans to appoint to the Tomorrow's other birthdays: House of Lords, to implement Labour's post-election reform Burt Bacharach, composer, conductor, 68; Alan Ball, football manager, 51; Ian Dury, rock singer, 54; James

Firebrand at Stormont

HE DEATH of Harry Diamond, aged 87, breaks the last link with the generation of "Wee" Joe Devlin and the old Home Rule Party in the north of Ireland. As a Deviin sup-porter, Diamond was in lavour of the nationalists' policy of "creeping absten-tion", attending the Stormont parliament when it was felt that Catholic interests were at stake. He would come to know the grand chamber of the Stormont building very well, but first there was the traditional Irish rite of passage - exile and work in England - to be undertaken.

When Diamond was 21 he became one of the 34 members of the Poor Law Board, elected by ratepayers from local government wards. Poor Law guardians administered unemployment relief at a time of grinding poverty and deep unrest in Belfast. The shipyards were idle, one in four was out of work, and thousands of workers dug trenches in the streets for grocery chits of little value. Most of Diamond's col-

leagues were reviled figures

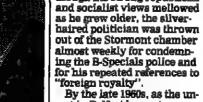
in west Belfast's narrow grimy streets. Paddy Devlin, who eventually took Diamond's Stormont seat from him, recalled that the guardians were "usually portly men with gold watchchains stretched across their ample bellies, spreading terror in the district."

In a moment of Protestanttention without trial of 100 Catholic solidarity, 60,000 young republicans. members of the working Diamond was a shoemaker classes found common cause by trade, but in 1937 he found In their opposition to the Poor Law handouts and work as a fitter in England, staying for six years and bemarched by torchlight through the city, led by bands coming involved in trade unionism. Back in Belfast he formed from both green and orange traditions which repeatedly the Republican Labour Party with Gerry Fitt and was elected to Stormont in 1945 to played Yes We Have No Bananas in case their tradirepresent Belfast Central tional tunes gave offence. Relief payments were in-creased by 50 per cent. It was this which converted (Lower Falls) - his idol Joe Devlin's former seat. His elec tion coincided with a brief flourishing of the labour Diamond to socialism. During the same period he was also a member of the Belfast Board of Guardians and once threw

land as a force which might challenge the Ulster Union ism's hegemony. "At the time we were described as two onea doormat at its chairman. He spent two months in Crumlin Road jail after a police baton man parties joining up to charge in the city's Smith-field Square had broken up a meeting protesting at the demake one two-man party," recalled Lord Fitt. Diamond represented his

Listening to Joynson, I was

Harry Diamond: outspoken



rest in Belfast began to grow, the young and ambitious Paddy Devlin had Diamond's constituency in his sights and cruelly put his rival

constituency for the next 24

guises including Eire Labour.

Republican Labour, Al-though his strong republican

years, under a variety of

down, accusing him of ignor-ing the new civil rights move-ment. In February 1969 he un-seated Diamond by 726 votes. The historian Eamon Phoenix remembered Diamond with more kindness, describ-ing him as the voice of Belfast's working class Catholics in Stormont with "a much de-served reputation as an outspoken critic of the regime.

He was a very charming man and a great raconteur." On the day after his defeat Harry Diamond retired to his holiday home on the Antrim coast — and stayed there. "You could say I'm awaiting Gabriel's trumpet very please antly," he observed. In 1992 — at the age of 83 —

Harry Diamond, nationalist MP, born May 10, 1908; died May 7,

radical QC, campaigner and media star, was born 46 years ago tomorrow into a large Glasgow Irish Catholic work-ing class family, and she's been demonstrating her gift of the gab ever since. Kennedy lends her energies to a dazzling array of leftish and women's causes, while

juggling a successful practice at the criminal bar and three children. She currently chairs Charter 88, the body cam-paigning for a new constitu-tion for Britain. One of the miss and harmed her career. Instead, the Bar has moved. few barristers of her general introducing policies to outlaw tion to lack a university degree, she has made up for it discrimination. She has beby amassing a clutch of hon-orary doctorates, and the

discrimination. She has be-come a guru for young women lawyers, still battling to dent the glass ceiling. Friends are surprised that the lifelong Labour supporter and keen New Labour-ite has never sought a parliamentary seat. But she is widely tipped seone of the new nears Tony chancellorship of Oxford Brookes University. Her outspoken criticism of some of the Bar's outmoded practices, its racism and sex-ism, could have made her eneas one of the new peers Tony

which have already become Letter classics, and are widely ********************** known and have been mar-keted in many versions. He in-David Singmaster writes: Piet Hein's Super Ellipse (obituary vented the Soma Cube in 1936. supposedly while listening to a lecture on quantum physics May 4) was created to solve a real city planning problem -what kind of oval could be by Werner Heisenberg, who mentioned space sliced into cubes. (The 240 different soluused in an aesthetically pleas-ing series of concentric copies in a city "square"? The result tions were found in 1962, not was actually used in the deby computer as often claimed. sign of Sergei's Square, Stock-holm, in 1959. but by hand "one wet after-noon" by John Conway and Hein was also the inventor of several puzzles and games Mike Guy at Cambridge.) Hein invented the game of

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Today's birthdays: Lady Rachel Billington, writer, 54: Carla Borg Bley, jazz composer, bandleader, placomposer, bandleader, pia-nist, 56; Sir Rhodes Boyson MP, former Conservative minister, 71; Beryl Bryden, jazz singer, 76; Eric Bardon, rock star, 55; Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman. Racal Electronics, 70; Deborah Hastings. bass guitarist, 37; Prof Antony Hewish, radio astronomer. 70; John Parrott,

snooker player, 32; Jeremy Paxman, television pre-senter, 46; Sir Ian Percival QC, former Solicitor-General, 75: Ian Redpath, former cricketer, 55; Natasha Rich-

ardson, actress, 33; Mort Sahl, comedian, 69; Judith Weir, composer, 42; Monty Woodhouse, Hellenophile, author, former MP, Greek resistance organiser, 79.

Ilex in 1942. This is a much

underrated game — it has the positional subtlety of Go but

only takes 15 minutes for an intense game. In 1970, he de-

veloped the first "ball pyramid puzzles" in two forms. Both are available, one under the name of Tut's Tomb, and sev-

eral dozen other forms have

been developed since then.

Problems worthy of attack

Finally. my favourite

Pineo Grant, director, Unicef, 74; Susan Hampshire, actress and dyslexic campaigner, 54; Dr Mary Harris, president, Women's Engineer-ing Society, 43; Michael Ig-natief, broadcaster, writer, 49; the Rt Rev Hugh Monteflore, former Bishop of Birmingham, 76; Chris Patten, governor-general of Hong Kong, 52; Rosalind Savill, director, the Wallace Collection, 45; Deborah Warner, theatre director, 37; Steve Winwood, rock singer, 48.

Death Notices

HOLMER, Hillery (Kennehen), Mother of Amanda. Sodile and Becky and sister of Barbara. Carol Ann and David. Cn May 8th at The Freeman Hospital. Newcestle, allar a long illness, laced with great humour and forthtude. Puneral Service to be held at York Cametery Chapel Cometery Road, on Monday May 13th at 2pm followed by cri-mailon at York. Flowers may be sent to J.

RAINBIRD, Harold Fraderial: George Ded Bier a bhori lliness 8th of May 1896. Southern Area Representative of Armstage & Rigby, Bridne Streis, Manchester 152-35 Past President, Cambridge Harriten Alhetic Club and Kent Courty A.A.A. Past Master of Manchester Lodge No 179. Master of Manchester Lodge No 179.

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Face to Faith

The enemy within us all

people.

Madeleine Bunting

BWS that a major City bank had hired a man-A agement consultant to introduce Japanese religious techniques intrigued me. One doesn't usually imagine banking and Zen Buddhism having much in common. This consu tant had major corporations queuing up for his service to uplift business performance

and the human spirit." Sid Joynson is an unlikely character to be pioneering Zen Buddhism on the factory floor. A Yorkshire businessman with a smattering of knowl-edge about Japan, he sparks ideas like a faulty Catherine wheel, all concerned with the need for everyone to respect each other.

It would be easy to dismiss Joynson as a nutcase, but for the fact that whatever he is

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talking about seems to work. At least Hotpoint, Barclaycard, Powergen, British Aerospace struck by parallels with Gloria Steinem's quixotic book, *Revo*and Standard Chartered Bank eem to think so. "We need to understand the balance between intellectual-ism and intuitiveness," he says. "The latter you learn by experience which makes you wise and I want our society to

lution From Within. This was the feminist celebrity saying her political activism had been too simplistic in its assumptions that demos and marches would win women rights. What women needed was a kind of internal psychotherarespect that wisdom. The Japapeutic renaissance to build up nese tap into the wisdom of self-esteem; the enemy wasn't

out there but inside yourself. Joynson believes you can unleash the extraordinariness What Steinem and Joynson both identified in very differof ordinary people by respectent arenas is the enormous ing their wisdom; rather than issue of self-worth. This afflicts management intimidating all of us in every aspect of our their workforce and imposing lives - how do we constitute a their own solutions, the worksense of our usefulness, our likeableness, our irreplaceers can develop their own far more effective solutions to pro-ductivity problems, given the ability? With the decline of Christianity, people no longer space, time and respect. The can turn to the concept of a process of developing a soluloving. personal God and the tion has an extraordinary ef-fect in boosting self-worth. uniqueness and sanctity of each individual life. This

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which people have placed three alternatives: their jobs, their relationships, and their imagination. Jobs: a precarious basis for

something as important as your sense of self-worth, given an increasingly insecure abour market. Relationships: the divorce statistics speak for hemselves, Imagination: the fragile and continuous proce of interpreting your life.

What makes this mess virtually unbearable for most people are two cultural trends. First, we are subjected to a proliferation of ever more exacting expectations of ourselves in the media. Are you sexy? Are you thin? Do you have a great job? A great partner? Lots of friends? And on top of that comes the consumerism which incessantly implicates your incompleteness without this car, that sofa, holiday, home or insurance policy. Second, our culture is modelled on competitiveness. But this pits us one against the

other in the loneliest kind of individualism. Harness it to that proliferation of expectations, and in every area of our lives we are competing; are we thinner, happier, sexier than everyone else? We come to be-lieve that self-worth is achieved at the denigration of down into an apathy close to everyone else. It is no surprise that millions of us flock to the therapist's couch, or that millions more just give up, ground

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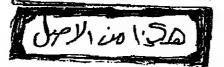
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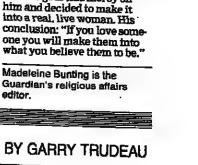
method, they maintain, is that the gods had mercy on simple, treat people with real I am brought back to one of the most striking points Joyn-son made. He referred to the play Pygmalion --- the Greek version, not G B Shaw's. The

Madeleine Bunting is the Guardian's religious affairs

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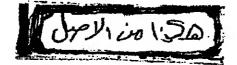
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MONEY GUARDIAN

Savers The prospect of a Tory election defeat no longer sends a chill through the City. IAN WYLIE looks ahead go for New Labour, new Britain, new friends unit trusts

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NATIONAL Savings has kicked off the new financial year with net receipts of £456 million, down from £708 million last month. The investors' favourite product was once again the Pensioners Bond which contributed £410 million net. Premuim Bonds pulled in £164 million

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THE unit trust sector seems to have made a dra-matic recovery. The Associ-ation of Unit Trusts and In-vestment Funds (Autif) has announced record net sales to private investors of £2.01 billion for first quarter this year, up from £530 million this time last year. In March alone savers put £990 million in such Pepable trusts. The association has produced a free guide to unit trusts and tax: call The Unit Trust Information Service on 0181-207-1361.

SPECIALIST information service Eurofax Communications has come up with a novel scheme which helps distressed borrowers whose houses have been repossessed to get the best possible price. Its Dial-a-Fax gives details about price and location on newly-repossessed homes direct from the lender. Prospective buyers get a menu of options enabling them to access lists of houses according to region and price. For de-tails call 0336-423500. Charges are 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other

BIRMINGHAM Midshires Building Society has raised the minimum deposit needed to open a savings account to £1,000 from £500. The society claims the move was thrust upon it by 50.000 savers who opened new accounts last April, in anticipation of the society merging or converting to a public company to trade as a bank.

THE NatWest has come up with a mortgage fixed at 7.99 per cent until May 1, 2002. For borrowers with the usual 5 per cent deposit, the Bradford & Bingley Building Society has a two-year fixed-rate mortgage at 5.25 per cept or a three-year deal fixed at 6.75 per cent.

GENERAL election - and a change of government — could come sconer than expected if John Ma-

jor's one-vote majority disappears after next week's debate on the Government's handling of the beef crisis, But, in contrast to the run-

ups to previous general elections, a growing number of tax investment advisers are tax investment advisers are telling investors not to panic, as a Labour government might actually be good for their formation bask their financial health.

If and when Labour does eveal more of its tax plans, there is unlikely to be a repeat of the "double whammy" that killed its hopes at the last election. Investors are also being warned to steer clear of scare-mongering advisers who simply want to "churn" portfolios to earn extra commission.

"It won't be the the doomsday scenario that many advisers are portraying," says David Oliver, tax partner with accountant Arthur Andersen. For all the hysteria whipped up in recent weeks, Labour has not, as yet, revealed any plan to increase income tax or

capital gains tax for middle income earners, or to scrap Peps and Tessas. What it has said is that there will be no return to previous high-tax, high-spend policies. There is a lot of scare-

mongering going on as advisers try to peddle their tax avoidance schemes," says Moira Elms, personal finance partner at accountants Coopers & Lybrand. "Our advice to clients is to act on the likely to see an increase in in-

David Brodie

hearsay." A change in income tax rates is a racing certainty, but there may be less resistance to a raising of the top rate than Labour critics hope, and their spin-doctors fear. The current 0 per cent top rate of tax is low by the standard of most developed countries and tax advisers think a Labour government could raise it to 50 per cent without an electoral backlash. "Top earners are

come tax," says Molra Ehns, "but we find that the vast mebasis of knowledge, not jority of taxpayers do not Oliver also thinks voters

ent income tax until it breaks the psychological bar-rier of 50 per cent." Arthur Andersen's David Oliver believes Labour would introduce a more graded system of income, to lessen the severity of the jump from basic-rate to top-rate tax. Mr

would sanction a top-rate tax of 60 per cent provided only the super-rich were targeted.

current earnings, but also what tax they might pay on their future earnings," he says. "There's something emo tive about six figures, so perhaps a 60 per cent top-rate tax on income over £100,000 might not be too upsetting to middle-income voters." Labour remains opposed to

John Major's intention to abolish both Inheritance Tax (IHT) and Capital Gains Tax (CGT) and is likely to close

some of the present loopholes In particular, Labour is likely to stop the use of Potentially Exempt Transfers (PETs) which allow individuals to es-cape IHT liability on gifts made during their lifetime, provided that the transferor is still alive seven years after the

date of the gift. CGT reliefs such as retirement, holdover and reinvestment reliefs may also be with-drawn or modified. However, those holding long-term investments could benefit if

aged to lock away capital for a eriod longer than the current five years required by Tessas. The success of Tessas and Peps so far probably guaran-teer these factors are the second s tees their future. Tim Jones, a pariner at ac-countants Binder Hamlyn, thinks a Labour government might give a boost to investors in National Savings, lifting the current £10,000 cap on deposits or "beefing up" Pre-mium Bonds as an alternative to the Lottery. Mr Jones savs abour may be more imagina tive in devising a pension scheme that allows people to combine private and state pro-visions for retirement.

E SAYS: "A Labour government might decide to ring-fence National Insurance contributions so that people are assured that whatever they pay in will go towards their retirement fund, not into the roads budget or defence spending. The City has harboured the greatest reservations about Labour policies in the past, but even stockbrokers are be coming less bearish. Accord-ing to Finsbury Asset Manage nent, most of the fears about a Labour government will be discounted by election day. It is advising its clients that equities might actually bene-fit from a shift to the left. Finsbury points to recent experience in the US, where the Dow Jones index has risen nearly 70 per cent since Bill Clinton's election: the FTSE 100 has risen just over 30 per cent in the same period.

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Labour goes ahead with plans to introduce a two-tier CGT system that would levy a lower rate for assets held longer. Investors can also ex-pect other incentives to boost ong-term savings. Last week, Labour's City spokesman Alisdair Darling added more flesh to the party's plans for a new savings vehicle — the In-dividual Savings Account which would sit between Tes sas and pensions. With retirement and long-term care in mind, savers would be encour-

Why the self-employed need not fear Revenue bonanza

accounting period from April 30, 1996, to 31 March 31, 1997.

Under special rules, his tax for 1996/97 will be based on

OST taxpayers will

know of self-assess-ment following an intense Inland Revenue adver tising campaign and extensive media coverage. One "news" story recycled often enough to win an envi-

ronmental award concerns an £850 million windfall expected. by the Revenue in 1996/97. This will arise from extra payments by self-employed taxpayers. It was first revealed by tax increase of £200 are very the Treasury last November and has been the subject of wide of the mark, since the much inaccurate comment. Historically, the self-emextra revenue is partly attributable to greater numbers of self-employed work-ers, and many individuals will actually gain from the change. Not everyone has enjoyed the luxury of rising profits. If

12/35ths of his income for the your profits have been falling, 35 months covered by the two accounting periods running up to March 31, 1997. you will benefit from paying tax on your current earnings This means that almost tworather than income of the prethirds of his current high vious year. And even if income has been rising, you may benefit from a change of acearnings escape tax alto-gether. It should be stressed that these rules are complex counting date if your busine and anyone considering such a change should obtain profesyear-end has been early in the

Michael Jordan has been sional guidance. drawing up accounts to April 30 annually, and his recent earnings have been unusually high. He may benefit from de-ferring the end of his latest A separate cash-flow advan-tage of self-assessment is that each instalment of tax falls a month later, on January 31and July 31 each year. The Reve-

wasted, this may be compen-| nue will be sending taxpayers details of the first bills sated too. But not all bureaucratic

towards the end of this year. Complaints about the Inloul-ups involve such costs land Revenue are as old as tax although they may still cause itself, but not enough taxpay-ers realise the help available a great deal of upset — and the Revenue has now extended under the Taxpayer's Charter the protection of the Charter which promises a fair, helpful to include payments for worry and efficient service, and or distress. These may be made where serious tax office offers compensation where tax offices have been guilty of errors cause "a significant and unwarranted intrusion serious errors or delay. In many such cases, you into your life", or there has been an unjustified delay exwill be entitled to a reimbursement for unnecessary costs, ceeding two years. Most consolatory payments will be £50 to £250, but sums of up to ranging from extra phone calls or postage needed to sort £1,000 and more will be paid in things out, to extra accountancy fees. And if you have lost earnings through the time exceptional cases. Quite separately, the Reve-

nue may waive tax arrears if it fails to notify you of them before the end of the tax year following that in which it received the necessary information, and where you might have reasonably believed that your affairs were in order.

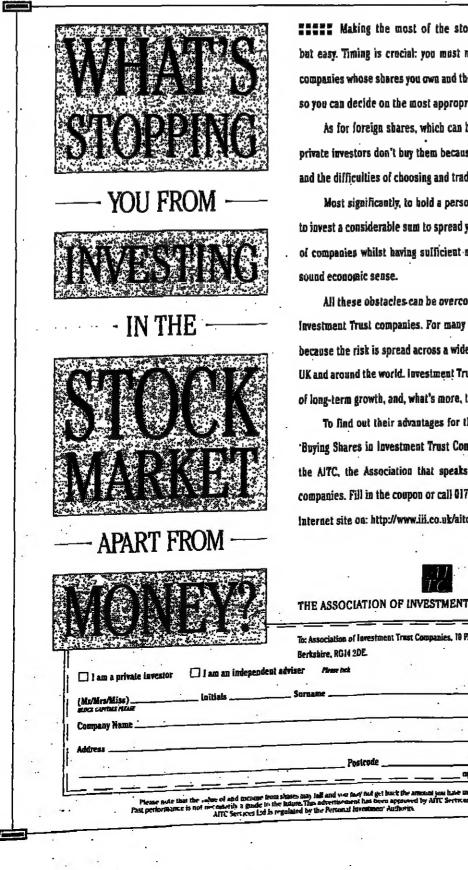
Full details are given in the latest Code of Practice I - Mis takes by the Inland Revenue, available from all tax offices. And if your complaint itself is mishandled, there is compen sation on offer for this as well. David Brodie is director of TaxAid, a charity which provides free tax advice to individ uais who cannot afford profes-sional fees. Telephone 0171-624-3765 between 9-11am weekdays.

ployed have been taxed on their earnings of the previous year, while they are now to be taxed on current year's income instead. This necessitates a change in 1996/97, when most people will be as sessed on one-half of their

profits for the two years ending in 1996/97. If profits have been rising steadily, this will bring for-ward the date on which tax is due, which explains the Trea sury's windfall. But "shock horror" stories suggesting that each sole trader faces a

tax year.

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EXAMPLE 1 Making the most of the stock market is anything but easy. Timing is crucial: you must monitor carefully those companies whose shares you own and those worth considering, so you can decide on the most appropriate time to buy or sell. As for foreign shares, which can be very attractive, most private investors don't buy them because of high dealing costs and the difficulties of choosing and trading them.

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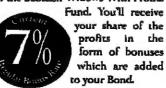
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FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

DIY brewery's bargain beer puts Chancellor over a barrel

GREAT Stour Brewery in Canterbury, Kent, is proving a popular alterna-tive to hopping across the Channel for buying beer without having to hand money to the Chancellor, writes Lisa Buckingham.

The brew-it-yourself venture, which opened in April with £300,000 of investment, much from basiness "angels". has hit its first month's target with sales of more than £10,000.

Great Stour, based in 250year-old premises in the city centre, gives punters the chance to brew their own beer or lager. Excise duty does not apply to home-brewed produce. as long as it is not resold, and Great Stour's prices range from 40p a pint to about 63p.

Established and 26 per cent-owned by Toby Mynott (pictured). Great Stour expects turnover of about £200,000 in its first year. It also boasts a shop with wares including "You Smell Like Brewery" aftershave, ale-spiked chutneys and beer-flavoured condoms. PHOTOGRAPH DAVID MANSEL



Subsidy fuels nuclear row

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

IE Government faced demands to abandon its nuclea power sale last night when it revealed a multi-billion pound package of measures to bolster the pri vatisation and a near-£4 billion grant for the closure of stations which would remain in the public sector. The package was disclosed

in a written reply by energy minister Tim Ezear which

was slipped out yesterday. Although some elements of the twice package were expected, the £3.8 billion grant for cleaning the new grant was an admisup ageing Magnox stations. sion by the Government that which are not being privait was going to get much less tised, had not. than its original £2.6 billion

It shows that ministers extarget for the sale of the indus-try. "The whole sale continpect to call on taxpayers to meet the costs of decommisues to smell pretty awful," said one City observer. Labour immediately called sioning the stations even though electricity consumers have already been paying up for the sell-off to be scrapped, describing it as "among the biggest rip-offs so far for taxto £1.2 billion each year since 1990 to meet the closure costs. Some critics last night payers".

accused the Government of Energy spokesman John Battle said the Government forcing taxpavers and con-

) had admitted that the tax-payer would be liable for up to £3.8 billion for Magnox sumers to pay the Magnox bill In the City the view was that

stations, over £1 billion more than it originally hoped to raise from the sale of more modern advanced gas-cooled reactors and Sizewell B. This proves Labour's long-

held assertion that the tax-payer is being left with a bill to clean up the Magnox stations, By using a 3 per cent dis-count rate rather than the standard industry rate of while losing a revenue stream from the more modern ones, despite decades of investment in them." he said.

Mr Eggar's package also in-cludes a £2 billion write-down sioning and clean-up costs in

of the assets of British Energy, its books at £3.7 billion inthe company formed to take stead of £7.6 billion. the most modern reactors into Mr Eggar said that the Magthe private sector, in a move which will boost its profitabil-

nox grant would be applied only when the new public-sec tor company. Magnox Elec-tric, had used up its £3 billion budget, and any other income from sales of electricity and ity by an estimated £50 million and help to guarantee a divi-The Government has also sanctioned a more generous from the nuclear levy, the sur accounting system for British Energy's liabilities. charge on all electricity bills which is set to expire soon. 2 per cent, it will allow British Energy to declare decommis-

He said the Government intended to integrate Magnox Electric with British Nuclear Fuels, the nuclear reproce

ing company, after the priva-tisation of British Energy.

Given this relatively tight timetable, following an elec-tion, and vital decisions that still have to be taken on Bank independence ahead of any moves on European Monetary Union, it is not surprising that the jockeying for position among potential candidates has begun already. For a considerable time following his appointment it was thought that Eddie George would be a one-term governor. It is is no secret that when Robin Leigh-Pemberton (now Lord Kingsdown) stepped down there was frustration on Downing Street about the lack of choice of suitable candidates: a feeling that

the UK economic/financial system is less adept at throw-

ing up central banker material

of the intellectual quality of Karl Otto Pohl in Germany or

Despite his considerable market skills, Mr George had

taken some of the flak over the

Bank's handling of BCCI and, perhaps more seriously, over errors in the engine room as

Alan Greenspan in the US.

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KEY appointment that will have to be dealt with by the next government

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eral Reserve that cost his presidency so much economic rief in the 1980 election, That may be a lesson which the ultra-cautious Gordon Brown, as Chancellor, will take with him in 1997 as he takes office. In fact there might even be a case, as with President Clinton and Alan Greenspan, to remove the post of central bank chief from the political agenda by doing the safe thing early: giving Mr. George his second term.

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That is a possible outcome which appears to have escaped the attention of Mr George's potential successors. At present there are two frontrunning inside candidates, al-though Labour's senior hierurchy is making it plain it would like to spread its net wider. Early favourite would appear to be Deputy Governor Howard Davies, who has been ieveloping a power base inside and outside the Bank. The nuturing of a regional

conomic intelligence service. whose findings will be pub-lished US "beige-book" style along with the Quarterly Inflation Report, gives Mr Davies a handle on economic policymaking, the main pre-rogative of his internal rival dervyn King. It is the latter's rigorous analysis of the mone tary and economic runes that has helped to build the credi-bility of the Bank's post-ERM

framework. Mr Davies, whose career has been marked by a series of well timed moves, is also mak-ing a special effort to court future potential economic osses in the Labour Party. He has been somewhat concerned, for instance, that omehow he managed to offend Gordon Brown.

S A result, he is reliably understood to have been conducting his own

reverse prawn cocktail offensive, reaching out to Gordon Brown, Alistair Darling and other policymakers. Announcements on changes in the Bank's organisation are sent to the parties concerned with accompanying notes and explanations, with Mr Davies making sure that all factions are covered by distributing them reasonably liberally. This is, of course, an admi-

rable means of keeping Labour appraised of changes at the Bank — which after all is what civil servants are expected to do in the run-up to elections.

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There is, of course, no guarantee that Labour, if it chooses to re-select will necessarily look inside the Bank at all, but

may prefer to cast its net more

widely. There may be an out-

standing, new, generation-clearing banker, like Barclays

chief executive Martin Taylor

Or a British official with achievements on the broader

Names get extra Prepare now for euro, says Bank

£1.2bn but fury at agents grows

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London yesterday increased the help it is offering to loss-

£2.8 billion cash and debt forgiveness offer was unveiled last year, Mr Rowland and his team have been working to secure additional contributions.

Since the original

the worst hit Names.

Brazil as countries were piracy remained at unaccepta-

Members of Norwich Upion

members from joining the group. Membership remains open at the moment but the

new rule is designed to block

an influx of so-called "carpet

baggers" from cashing in on

pay-outs to members if the

yesterday voted unanimously

in favour of allowing the mu-tual's directors to prevent new

the UK fell 40 per cent.

Norwich block

bly high levels. Pirate sales in

Mark Milner European Bus

nominated instruments. whether or not the UK is a participant in the euro **HE City's financial** markets need to plan now for the introducarea," says a paper written by John Townend, the Bank's deputy director for tion of the single Epropear currency, even if Britain

market operations. He acknowledges that if subsequently exercises its right to opt out, the Bank of Britain was to sign up for the single currency, the changes would be far more England said yesterday. **Trading and settlement** widespread than if sterling systems will need to be

have the capacity to provide prices in and trade euro-deretail sector will have more time to prepare because changes would not need to be implemented until the in-troduction of euro notes and coins — some three years after the move to a

dend for investors.

single currency. The Bank's paper, intended to be first in a regular series, is clearly in-

tended to spur City institutions and the financial markets into a discus-

the need for changes, perticularly over the provision of settlement facilities for securities denominated in euros if Britain opts out.

ion: others that we already

or Barings. At one point he suggested that the Treasury "Some argue that such facilities would be an impor-Select Committee's pursuit of tant element in sustaining the Bank over Barings was a the City's competitive posiwitchhunt. The Governor is of

the UK was bounced out of the exchange rate mechanism in September 1992. He would be a stop-gap governor while the UK system sought to produce its own intellectual high-flier in the initial shape of Rupert posed by the introduction of a single currency. The paper also makes it clear that there remain div-isions in some areas about Pennant-Rea, who left soon after the Barings scandal in unedifying circumstances. Of course, the Governor

stricken Names by £1.2 billion. The cash offer has been raised by £300 million to £3.1 billion and the cost of setting up the Equitas company to manage old claims has been cut by £900 million to £1 billion.

The news was welcomed by most of the key Names' action groups, but a hard core of dissidents warned they would reject it. Lloyd's said the package would give greater assis-tance to Names who have paid their losses and extra help for those who cannot pay more.

The deal for litigating Names has been enhanced, es pecially for those who have won damages through the courts and have compensation payments held on their behalf by lawyers, such as the Gooda Walker and Feltrim

Lloyd's chairman David Rowland said the latest figures were effectively final. Next month the 34.000 Names will receive statements show-ing how the offer affects them. loyd's has lost more than £8 billion in recent years over the Piper Alpha oil rig explosion. Hurricane Hugo and US asbestosis and pollution claims.

News in brief

Bondholders sue | Russia, Italy, China and

Barings board

Directors of Barings Bank are being sued for £100 million by bondholders who lost their money when the merchant bank collansed in 1995.

Members of the Barings Per-petual Noteholders Action Group launched their longthreatened suit yesterday against Barings plc, its directors, and advisers, including Hoare Govett, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Cazenove. The proceedings are not being

contested by administrators of the bank.

Upbeat Zeneca

Shares of pharmaceuticals group Zeneca moved up 11p to 1377p yesterday after an upbeat trading statement from chairman Sir Sydney Lipworth.

Musical pirates

Sales of pirated pre-recorded music topped £1.4 billion last year, according to estimates by the International Federation of Phonographic Industries. This was the equivalent of unauthorised sales of 866 million cassettes, 85 million CDs and 4 million albums. The IFPI cited Bulgaria, Romania,

l'hese efforts have been pa ted to cope with the l tially successful, with both the troduction of the euro, brokers and the auditors whether or not Britain promising to pay £100 million each. Lloyd's has also raised signs up for the first wave o monetary union. £270 million on the sale of as-"We believe it important for the City and the UK that the financial markets should

sets including its Lime Street underwriting headquarters and its publishing arm, Lloyd's of London Press. Nick Land, senior partner of accountants Ernst & Young Stronger UK which as the main auditor in the Lloyd's market is under growth next stood to have offered over half of the £100 million, said he year may hoped the deal would mean an end to the litigation.

delay poll There was anger among the Names at the refusal of the market's managing agents to

Sarah Ryle offer more than the £200 million suggested in the original SIGNS that the economy is growth next year came yesterdeal. Alan Porter, chairman of both the Cuthbert Heath and Devonshire action groups, de day with official figures showscribed the new offer as disappointing and said contribuing a significant pick-up is due just before the deadline tions from the managing for the General Election. agents, brokers and auditors

vere inadequate. Christopher Stockwell. According to government forecasts, the economy will chairman of the Lloyd's continue to be sluggish until Names Association's working the end of the year, but by May 1997 the growth rate should party, welcomed the improve ment but said it did nothing to have been strengthening for prevent the financial ruin of four months.

This suggests that the Prime Minister may not go to the polls before he has to. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said that the rise

in the long-term forecast -out the third quarter of 1995. which looks 13 months ahead The ONS said that strong - had been influenced by imgrowth in share prices ---which is one element of the series — was offset by decreasproved figures for housing starts. Business optimism, as recorded by the Confederation ing expectations of new orders found in CBI surveys, and fallof British Industry, was lower ing new car registrations bethan at the same time last year but positive enough to boost

But he adds: "We believe the focus of preparations now and in the immediate future should be primarily on wholesale activity." The Bank argues that even if

Britain did not opt out, the

Economic outlook

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cal problems which will be have satisfactory ways of settling deals in European curthrown up by monetary rencies . . . which do not in-hibit London from having a union and to make it clear that the Bank itself is determined to play a leading role in co-ordinating the City's response to the challenges

HE Government faces a

£500 million bill for VAT refunds to companies in-

volved in takeovers since 1973.

accountants Binder Hamlyn

said yesterday. The Appeal Court ruled that VAT should

be reclaimable on the costs of

taking over firms supplying

VAT-rated goods and services

From the introduction of VAT in 1973, Customs and Ex-

cise believed acquisition costs should be treated as general

business overheads. If the ac-

quiring company were VAT-exempt, only a portion of the

tax could be recovered. Now costs, such as legal and

eccountancy fees, run up in

refundable. In the past, some firms disputed the Customs in

terpretation. said Binder's

partner Alan Buckett, but "others may have accepted

taking over a VAT-paying business are fully VAT-

Dan Atkinson

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significant, sometimes domi nant, share of trading in these instruments.

VAT refund bill may hit £500m

> paid their assessments should look to reopen their case." This comes on top of the £5 billion cost to the Exchequer of last month's Appeal Court ruling on VAT and ip-

terest-free credit agreements. The VATman did win a round yesterday when a High Court judge refused to refer to Europe a dispute which could leave the Government with a £20 billion bill.

Three companies are con-sidering whether to appeal uter Mr Justice Turner upheld VAT tribunal rulings barring them from reclaiming tax on company cars.

He said it was unnecessary to send the cases to the European Court of Justice as the law on the issue was clear and could be decided in the UK "with complete confidence" The companies --- food group Allied-Lyons (now Allied Domecq), car leaser Royscot and motor dealer TC

Harrison Group - are seek-ing to force the Government to reimburse VAT paid since 1973, plus interest.

successful handling of the new monetary framework including riding out a public dispute with the Chancellor over interest rates — has increased his own stature and that of the Bank. Like his predecessor, if asked, he would take on a second term. Indeed, despite the disagreements with the Chancelor, who Mr George believes struck lucky over his interest rate cut a year ago, the relationship between the two has been good. Should the

would not view himself as a

stop-gap, nor accept the Bank's culpability over BCCI

the view that his reasonably

Tories remain in power there is no reason to believe that Mr George would be passed over i he desired a second term. Inflation, by all accounts,

will be brought in within target and Mr George's flirta-tions with Euroscepticism he would probably prefer to call it reality — are a useful counterbalance to the Chancellor's own enthusia Moreover, as the American experience has demonstrated it is often easier to reappoint a trusted governor (even if his politics are not yours) rather than cause grief on the financial markets. It was Jimmmy Carter's carelessness over the post of chairman of the Fed-

Chill in cloisters

HE commercial realities of recession and squeezed profits have intruded on the cloistered world of a Benedictine monastery which is being forced to sell its world famous

pottery. Prinknash Pottery, founded 50 years ago by monks at the abbey in Cranham, Gloucestershire, was put up for sale yesterday in an attempt to prevent its closure and the loss of 30 jobs. News of the decision was contained in a release from Gravitas Public Relations The black and gold wine

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jargon, business goes to pot, says Paul Nettleton

monetary stage such as Sir Nigel Wicks (who is more often mentioned as a possible man-aging director of the IMF) or former Bank director Andrew Crockett (now at the Bank for International Settlements)

who has been seen, were it not for the UK's doubts on Europe, as in line for the Euro pean Central Bank - a far more powerful post. Among the uncertainties for

who fits the bill.

any future Labour appointed governor, whether it is Eddie George, or someone else, is the still relatively undefined concept of a Monetary Policy Committee and what Gordon Brown has called a "less personalised" system of monetary advice and policy making. Arguably this would make the post of governor considerably ess attractive and much less of the bully-pulpit, which it has become for Mr George. So maybe Labour will be looking for a new governor after all.

goblets and pewter-glazed ware were a staple line of the traditional "gifte shoppes" which closed in droves during the recession of the 1980s. "We responded by in-

creasing our overseas markets by 60 per cent, espe-cially in the US, the Middle East and mainland Europe, but the price structure we have had to work with means margins have become very tight and we have been up against it for the past four or five years."

Father Peter. prior and bursar of the abbey. said export turnover alone last year was some £500,000. "To continue to compete

as we whould, the business needs re-investment and more management time and as an active charity the community has neither the personel nor the resources to fund the investment."

tween the last quarter of 1995 and the first three months of Customs' former view and in-correctly restricted their VAT this year. recovery. Those who have **Stoking bonfire of the banalities**

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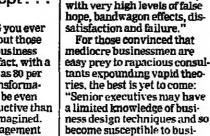
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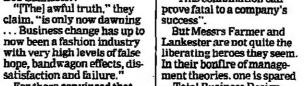
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BICC setback A half-billion pound lawsuit

VERYTHING you ever against the Bank of England suspected about those fashionable business on behalf of creditors of collansed Bank of Credit and theories is true. In fact, with a Commerce International suffered a setback vesterday. failure rate as high as 80 per High Court judge Mr Justice cent. "business transforma-Clarke ruled that, on the facts tion" schemes may be even before him, the Bank could more counter-productive than not be held liable for the anthe average cynic imagined. Remember "management by objectives". "total quality" cient legal injury of "misfea sance in public office" and "critical success", "business that depositors' losses were therfore not capable of having process re-engineering" and "strategic alliances"" Into the been caused by the Bank.

... Business change has up to now been a fashion industry theories except . . . ness fashions', while the consuitants often have a particu-





"This combination can

Total Business Design. This system, promulgated in a book of the same name, prom ises "a strong, reliable and effective framework for suc-

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cess." The authors and inventors? Farmer and Lankester. Die-bards may cling to the belief that this theory will at

least be jargon-free, a return to plain business sense. Oh yes" Among the simple steps to success identified by the far methodology and need to optimise their return on the

human 'hot buttons' of business change", the tone be-

particular business fashion of | duo we find: "Identify and

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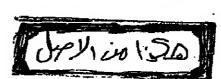
others, after all.

comes quite unpleasant. Not ing the importance of winning over key employees, or "influencers", to the idea of radical change, Farmer and Lankester warn that, should the shake-up run into "serious problems", this would indicate "a need to remove one or Belgium 46.08 Ganada 2 03 Cyprus 0.6950

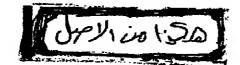
In other words, here's a management theory providing ready-made excuses to

prioritise the main business

objectives for change." Later, analysing the "40



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The Guardian Saturday May 11 1996 **Olivetti begins to** ring the changes

De Benedetti delivers telecoms message to ing director of Olivetti Tele-media, the unit responsible for investors. JOHN GLOVER reports from Milan all its activities in telecoms and multimedia, Marco has a

another year.

UFFING on a cigar in his 15th floor office in the Olivetti complex just outside Milan, 34-year-old Marco De Benedetti, son of Olivetti boss Carlo, is pondering aloud the effects on shareholder value of investing in the telecoms field.

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In the telecoms field. "Take any of the range of values possible for our stake in [mobile phone operator] Omnitel and the implication is that the rest of Olivetti is not wonerly valued "the says properly valued," he says. The fact is that the amount of money we put in was less than what it is worth at present. That means we are increasing Value for our shareholders." Like any good graduate of Wharton Business School who later worked in a New York investment bank. De Benedetti Jr acknowledges that the market is always right "by def-inition". Nevertheless, he argues, the market is ignoring the goodies Olivetti contains. One example: the £235 million at which the London Stock Exchange values Britain's Acorn

Computer, in which Oli-vetti owns a 47 per cent stake. Behind the cloud of cigar smoke, De Benedetti Jr is a slightly chubbier, less careworn version of his dad. Shareholder value is close to his heart — through a cascade of holding companies, the interests of the De Benedetti family are tightly bound up with the fate of Olivetti, a company hoping to escape the troubles besetting it through a move into telecoms. Yesterday, at the group's

headquarters in Ivrea, other Olivetti shareholders with their own worries about value faced management and blinked. Although one com-

pany representing US institu-tions had urged clients to vote against management, Carlo and his team persuaded share holders that the PC business

-- behind the group's awful results -- would break even in aggressive entry into telecom-munications. Our first operation was Omnitel, which we set up in 1992 to bid for the licence for the second mobile network, "De Benedetti says. 1996, and kept their jobs for Olivetti's losses of more than 3.8 trillion lire (£1.6 bil-lion) over the past five years, "The cellular business is viewed as the business of the and the string of cash calls these have prompted, mean foreign investors now own about 70 per cent of its shares. future now but, in fact, fixed-link telephony will regain that role." This is where Olivetti Telemedia comes in. about 70 per cent of its shares. For these investors, buying Olivetti is little more than a way of buying Omnitel-Pronto Italia, the consortium build-ing Italy's second cellphone network, in which Olivetti is the main shareholder. The Lacking money of its own to spend on its remake, Olivetti has brought in partners to

supply cash and expertise. Bell Atlantic is its strategic partner. The two set up Info-strada last year, then sold 49 per cent to Global One, itconsensus is that, sometime around the end of the decade, OPI will begin to coin money. self a joint venture owned by France Telecom, Deutsche Naturally enough. Olivetti's managers see the company as elekom and Sprint. more than just a proxy for a

Having been pushed by the competition to the edge of abandoning the PC business, Olivetti is moving into the cellphone network. As managequally competitive telecoms arena. This is poulated by huge concerns, many still en-joying national monopolies and all with deep pockets — something Olivetti lacks, But it is a fast-moving business, with openings for nimbler competi-tors and threatened by the ex-plosive growth of the Internet. "The Internet will have an effect on traditional suppliers similar to that which PCs had on mainframe computer makers. In 10 years' time the market leaders will be companies that don't exist right

now," De Benedetti Jr pre-dicts. He pauses, puffs on his cigar, and adds: "Except for De Benedetti Jr: persuasive us, of course

Update

The European
 Commission is looking into



Eurotunnel shareholders line up behind their champion UROTUNNEL shareholders are angry, es-pecially in France. This week some 500 de-scended, by train of course, on the compa-ny's Calais headquarters to protest — pictured above — at what they say could be a sell-out to the banks. But are enough of the company's estimated 700 000 symple hearbolders suffiestimated 700,000 small shareholders suffi-ciently concerned to be stirred into action?

The job of answering that question has been given to Sophie L'Helias: founder, president and half the staff of Franklin Global Investor Services, a tiny corporate governance ginger group. From her cramped office in the Rue du Fau-bourg St Honorė, Ms L'Helias is trying to pull the voting power of Eurotunnel's small sharehold-ers into a bloc which can be wielded at share-balder months.

holder meetings, According to Ms L'Helias, the exercise, with backing from Eurotunnel's small shareholder groups and a French financial magazine, is the biggest of its kind in French correct to history biggest of its kind in French corporate history. The aim is to collect enough proxy votes to give the small shareholders leverage — a favour-ite word of Ms L'Helias — when the board even-tually tables proposals for a deal with the banks over the company's £8 billion debt.

Outsiders may argue that small shareholders will have little choice but to accept whatever

deal is hammered out between banks and board but Ms L'Helias does not accept this view. "It is the shareholders who are the owners of the company, not the banks. They may be tomorrow, but not today," she says. This summer's annual meeting will provide a

This summer's annual meeting will provide a dry run for the proxy scheme before the key meeting deciding the eventual but inevitable restructuring plan. Ms L'Helias brings formidable skills to her task. French-born, she was brought up in North America and has practised law in the US and France. "I'm 100 per cent from Britanny, but was raised with very Anglo-Saxon standards with respect to capitalism," she says. She has an MBA business degreee, and gained an insight into investment banking through a placement which was part of the course.

placement which was part of the course. In Paris she has a growing reputation. "She's tough," said one French executive succinctly. But Ms L'Helias looks for a less confrontational approach than the traditional French one she compares with the revolution of 1789 — "people taking to the streets, heads rolling". Far better, Ms L'Helias believes, to exercise

leverage with discretion. In the case of Eurotunnel, that might prove tricky.

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Fire fails to burn hole in Continent gets French insurers' hopes Labour's drift

Jon Henley in Heisinki

clude Nokia chairman Casimir Ernrooth, who also sits on **POWERFUL** network of the boards of Merita and UPMinterlocking director-ships came under fire in Kymmene; Sampo president Jonko Leskinen, a board mem-ber of Merita, Nokia and Finland this week after it emerged that the country's commercial and industrial

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Mark Milper yesterday. KLM has followed SAS

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MARK MILNER on a new force

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In France, profits from the non-life side should be good, while the life business has had | one of the key events likely to shape the immediate outlook for the industry in Europe is a promising start to the year, the planned merger of Britas the low level of short-term interest rates has helped the ain's Sun Alliance and Royal nsurance

"I think, to a certain extent, that will show the way to other kinds of mergers. Whether n more

market or whether we will have cross border mergers, I

The party's on the | to reform of the common agri-Euro-stomp, says IAN TRAYNOR

cultural policy, to more open-ness in telecommunications, energy and air travel," Mr Brown said. "All this is part of the agenda of an incoming Labour government."

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ian poll evidence this week that two out of three Britons

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European Business Editor

clique. A study published in the

Helsingin Sanomat newspaper shows that the same four men have boardroom seats at Nokia, the world's second-biggest mobile phone maker, UPM-Kymmene, Europe's largest forestry firm, Merita Finland's dominant bank, and Pohjola and Sampo,

its two major insurers. According to Atte Jaaske-lainen, the paper's financial editor, "Nokia and UPM-Kymmene represent 25 per cent of Finnish exports, the insurers control 70 to 80 per cent of their market, Merita has over half the corporate banking market — and the same club runs them all."

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The clique's members, all in | room seat at a listed company.

, UPM Nokia; and Merita president Vesa Vainio, a board member of Sampo, Nokia and UPM.

"The problem is these guys the state-owned carrier. spend a lot of time in each other's company, they think the same way and they do each other favours," said one Finn-If the commission finds that Air France is misusing the money, it can delay or block the final portion of the Air France aid due to be ish economist, who asked not to be named. "They want control. I'm paid next month.

sure that was behind the mergers that created UPM-Kymmene and Merita. It's not 🗆 21 Investimenti, an investment company controlled by the Benetton healthy to have such a small group effectively running half family, has bought a 40 per cent stake in the Basic group

The survey also revealed best known for its Kappa and Robi di Kappa sports and that, while the Finns boasi more than a third of their MPs casual wear. as women, only one woman an Builne has more than a single boardess la edited by Mark Milner

Commission wants Brussels to set

0**9,** I imposed by the commission when it cleared 20 billion counting the cost of the fire which swept the Second Em-French francs (£2.5 billion) in government subsidies for pire edifice last Sunday

But though the bill is likely to top I billion francs (£130 million) on some estimates, the setback is unlikely to cast too much of a shadow over the French insurance industry, not simply because a chunk of the risk was laid off with Swiss and German comanies.

France's insurers, like their colleagues in the banking sec-tor, have been hard hit by the collapse of property prices. But 1996 is likely to see better times, according to Dominique Bazy, director general at L'Union des Assurances de Paris which ran up losses of \$270 million last year.

will be hoping Mr Bazy's as-sessment proves correct, and Royal/Sun merger attracts much foreign interest not just at UAP. It has just announced plans to sell its controlling stake in AGF and would doubtless be relieved to see a recovery in the sector. But though the sale of the government stake in AGF, to say nothing of UAP's own announcement to float its UK and Irish operations on the

don't know," said Mr Bazy. Denis Duverne, the director of international life business London stock market have at-

market. "Whether we do that organically, or also by alliance or acquisition is dependent on tracted widespread attention, the opportunities.

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Russians derail trade project

insisted.

EARS of competition for the Trans-Siberian Rail-Territory as a link between western Europe and the countries of the Asia Pacific way from a new "Great

that the Great Silk Road railto southern and eastern China. Besides, all the signs are

pushing ahead with free trade zones, customs legislation and valentin anikeyev, who is involved in planning the pro-

Jack Helton, of the US cargo firm Sea-Land International, a 50 per cent partner in the Trans-Siberian's freight oper-ation, said: "Because of bigger ships, I doubt that the Trans-Siherian land bridge will ever have the significance that it had in the past." Meanwhile, there are signs of economic revival in Vladi-vostok, the only Pacific Rim city with a European Bank of Reconstruction and Develop-

ment office, and in the port of Nakhodka, where Russia has made efforts to establish a Anikeyev's criticism when he

free trade zone. But it is hard to see how the region can prosper without a more benign legal climate for spoke enthusiastically about business and trade.

w sp dilemmas. New Labour is travelling the Continent to sell the Euro-agenda of a Blair envernment and sound out some of the most powerful figures in the European debate. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, breezed through Bonn and Frankfurt this we with a speech on "New Labour and New Europe". In Bonn he had a tête-a-tête

entertained the former economics minister Otto Lambsdorff, then hopped on a train to Frankfurt for dinner with Hans Tietmeyer, head of the mighty Bundesbank. He also saw Alexandre Lamfalussy. self-deprecating chief of what

is to become the European central bank, the European Monetary Institute. The Labour charm offensive continues next week. when Mr Brown goes to France, and Tony Blair visits Bonn next month to address the equivalent of the CBI. The message is that New Labour is Euro-friendly and bent on "pro-competition and pro-investment" policies that further open up the single market; that old ideological rows about Thatcherite dereg ulation or traditionalist Labour regulation have be-come redundant; and that a Blair government would push an EU-reformist agenda that wins it allies and takes Britain to the centre of the European debate.

the EMU-scepticism of the Bank of England governor, Eddie George, seems to be growing, Mr Brown said Labour was in favour "in principle" But he refused to be drawn on whether and when this might be converted into a practical commitment. He complained that the vis

ceral simplicity of the British debate on economic and monetary union meant there was little discussion of how a single currency would affect the City, financial services or inward investment. Nor, he said, was there any

debate on how the relationship between those inside and outside the single currency club was to be regulated. Mr Brown appeared less than keen for Britain to rejoin a revamped exchange rate mechanism, and did not take kindly to suggestions that the putative European central bank could order a devaluation of a non-EMU pound. Mr Waicel is increasingly preoccupied not so much with the criteria for admission to EMU as with keeping the club rules tight after a single currency is inaugurated. Mr Brown echoed that concern. But privately he argued that there was little merit in a single currency that locked in uncompetitiveness or unem-

He said one of the first acts of a Labour government would



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national tax levels by majority voting Japan in February. But last month, he again claimed that while the same indicator for JAMES MEEK finds a other factors of production -China was planning to build a notably capital and the selffrontier row over huge port on the Tumen. "This would lead to a sharp decrease in the geo-political new Great Silk Road significance of the Maritime

Silk Road" linking Europe and East Asia are holding up an ambitious UN-sponsored pro-gramme to promote trade in the frontier area where Rus-

He says: "The choice for al-ternative funding includes sia's far east borders China VAT and excise duties, capital and North Korea. and real property taxation, as well as new or increased envi-While these two countries partners with Russia in the Tumen River Economic De-

relopment Area (Treda), are

ject, has accused directors of Russian ports such as Vladi-vostok and Vostochny, and railway chiefs of turning local officials against the scheme. According to him, they fear the recently completed rail-way linking Druzhba in Ka-

zakhstan to Urungi in northwest China — the last part of the revived Silk Road -- will be used to avoid the Trans-Siberian, and link Europe to Asia through a new Chinese port on the Tumen River. The Russian Pacific Maritime Territory's controversial governor. Yevgeny Nazdratenko, seemed to have heeded

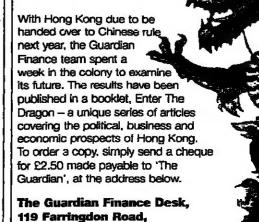
Treda at a conference in

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at AXA, another of France's big insurers, believes that the pace of consolidation within the UK insurance trade will accelerate as a result of the Royal/Sun move and that a number of European firms may be eyeing opportunities. Mr Duverne said that while AXA was pleased by the per-formance of its UK subsidiary Equity and Law over the past five years it would still like to increase its share of the UK

with Theo Waigel, the power-ful German finance minister,

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John Palmer in Brussels sioner for taxation, Mario Monti, also believes there is a HE European Commis-sion is relaunching its campaign for a concerted

EU policy on tax as part of a deliberate strategy to shift the burden of taxation from em-ployment to capital. The commission would like the Maastricht treaty review conference to agree to some key aspects of tax policy being decided in future by EU governments collectively - possibly by a special form of majority voting — rather than nationally. The commission wants to

see a new and more simplified system for collecting VAT as well as a new tax on energy consumption and a common withholding tax on invest-

more should be done to strengthen the economic underpinning for a single cur-rency and to eliminate fiscal distortions of the single market. Although the British Government opposes any extension of majority voting to cover any aspect of tax policy, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, sees the case for much

ment income. The commis-

case for raising average VAT rates in order to cut social security taxes as part of a drive to cut unemployment throughout the EU. There is growing accep-tance by EU governments that ance and evasion. He says that, as taxes on mobile capital have fallen, the burden of paying for social se-curity and other government

closer co-ordination of tax policies by EU governments. In a paper prepared for EU finance ministers, Mr Monti

policies has fallen directly on labour, pushing up the costs of creating jobs for more than ronmental or energy taxes." The mimimum level of tax on 18 million unemployed in the 15 EU countries. businesses and capital income should be harmonised, but not "Between 1980 and 1993 the

says EU countries are losing tax revenue equal to almost

implicit tax rate on employed labour for the EU as a whole grew by about 20 per cent,

I per cent of GDP because of employed — fell by more than 10 per cent," he declares. competitive pressures on them to lower taxes on capital Mr Monti says government to attract international investment. He says capital liberalare right to cut their budget isation has "helped to erode the tax base in many deficits — in part to prepare for monetary union — but warns that "public expendicountries" as well as increase opportunities for tax avoidture cuts may contribute but are unlikely on their own to be able to fund a sufficient tax

reduction on labour".

at levels which would drive

investment out of the EU.

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They built the Mac. **They hated** men in suits. Then it went awry. So they hired a new boss, and another, and then another. Will the nerds grow up in time? MARK TRAN in New York reports



'Cupertino, we have ourselves a little trouble'

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posed to be developing a strategy to save the com-

out of tune with Apple, which prides itself on its

Politically, Mr Amelio is

DEDY.

HEN Gilbert Ame-lio took to the po-dimm set up at Caffe Macs to face 50 journalists Macs to face 50 journalists in February, he was the pio-ture of calm, the sys at the centre of the hurricans. "We have ourselves a lit-tie trouble now," he said with some understatement. "The troubles are fixable. I 've been down this road be-form. We mission is to an be-

progressive policies. It was one of the first companies to offer insurance benefits to same-sex partners. Mr Amelio belongs in the Republican camp, having hosted fundraisers for the likes of presidential hops-ful Robert Dole and Honse Spacebare News City and the fore. My mission is to make complex technology simple, accessible, delightful." Mr Amelio, 52, won kudos for turning around National Semiconductor, although Speaker Newt Gingrich. But his employees will over-look those ties as long as Mr Amelio succesds in restor-ing Apple's fortunes. So far he has impressed Well Success to he has compassed

Semiconductor, slihough some wonder how much credit he deserves. One in-dustry executive believe he was simply locky, coming in when the chip industry was in an upswing. Be that as it may, Mr Amelio pos-sesses the technical qualifi-cations that both his prede-caseors lacked. He has 16 patents and a PhD in phys-ics from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is very different from the traditional Apple crea-ture. Maybe he is too

So far he has impressed Wall Street by taking some tough decisions to trim Ap-ple's workforce, laying off another 1,500 people, bring-ing total job cuts to 2,800. Apple employees accept this harsh medicine for a company that had grown beyond its means and feel relief that someone is mak-ing unpalatable decisions. It is a familiar pattern. In the trauma of 1985, when he ture. Maybe he is too the trauma of 1985, when he grown-up. He co-wrote Profit from Experience: The pushed aside Steve Jobs, John Sculley laid off a fifth Profit from Experience: The National Semiconductor Story of Transformation Management. Writing in Rolling Stone; Jeff Goodell, a Mac fan, described it as reading like a "junior col-lege course in corporate management theory. full of of the workforce. Clearly Mr Amelio hopes to get the worst out of the way early on. The approach has gone down well with customers. "I'm game to give Gil Amelio a chance,"

management theory, full of arcane charts and graphs and Hallmark-cardlike drivel." Mr Amelio has been criti-cised for his generous com-pensation package of \$10 million (£5.6 million) a year, with another \$10 mil-lion if Apple is sold during the next year. Many Apple employees thought it un-seemly that Mr Amelio also found time to shop for a \$5 million estate in Lake Tahoe when he was suplead the organisation to some reasonable goals."

has several promising prod-

ucts, such as Cyberdog, a su-perbrowser, and Pippin, a

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PPLE Computer has lurched from crisis to crisis ever since it se duced a genera-tion with its user-friendly machines two

decades ago to establish itself as an American icon. Periodically, Apple tosses

out its chief executive officer and ushers in a new saviour. In 1985, visionary co-founder Steve Jobs lost an epic battle to John Sculley, a former Pepsi executive. In 1993. Mr ulley made way for Michael Spindler, a number cruncher who botched his forecasts. In February, Gilbert Amelio, formerly head of another Silicon Valley operation, chip maker National Semiconductor, became the latest white knight

What a contrast to Apple's nemesis, Microsoft, Bill Gates has grown from a nerd into a formidable chief executive,

making the software giant a paragon of stability. Each time a new man steps into the breach at Apple, a familiar refrain goes up: "At last an adult is in charge." But the company refuses to

grow up. It is now paying the price for its immaturity. (£1.05 million) and appeared Apple has been plagued by culture wars between its cre-Apple headquarters in Cuative people and marketing and finance managers. Mesers Sculley and Spindler, apperfino, within sight of California's coastal mountains, consists of six buildings in a pointed to instil managerial

ments.

discipline, had their mocampus-like setting, including trimmings like the Caffe Macs staff restaurant. It is all But they lacked the determi nation to push through tough designed to make employees decisions on issues such as lifeel special. There is nothing censing, which could have wrong in fostering pride and a prevented Apple from sinking sense of uniqueness, but the process has spun out of con-trol and Apple is trapped in a into the quagmire. It was fine to cultivate a hip,

anti-corporate image when Apple was an entrepreneurial outfit. The television advertisement shown during the

Monday, Apple announced the latest glitch to hit its prod-ucts. Some Performa models 1984 Super Bowl crystallised the company's attitude. A woman athlete cantered into a drab auditorium packed with frequently freeze up during corporate drones watching a operation because of defective chips. The latest bug follows figure on a big video screen. last summer's PR debacle She hurled a hammer, smashing the screen. The ad lasted 60 seconds, cost \$1.6 million when batteries in some laptops short-circuited and

caught fire, During his first 100 days, Mi Amelio has sketched out his vision for Apple, which he deems "fixable". He wants to simplify the product line (47 models in 1995), build on key markets and promote brand awareness.

Two-thirds of Apple's yearly revenue comes from low-margin products sold primarily to the home, smallbusiness and education mar-kets. The remaining third

(powerful computers accessible on the Internet). These high-margin products are complex to design, difficult to build and require skilled dovetailing of software and hard ware. Because Apple has to spread the profits from these machines over a product line covering low-margin items, innovation and product reliability have been eroded. For years, Apple has been debating whether it is a hard-

ware or a software company and its failure to resolve that question has contributed to its downfall. Mr Gates knew his priorities. He was interested not in the boxes but in the the brains inside the box. Apple wanted to do both boxes and brains

and has been caught out. The possible solution, licensing

sttaching too many conditions in case licensees cranked out computers that undercut Apple's own. Apple users were encouraged by the latest deal with IBM, but the agreement on the Macintosh operating system falls short of "Big Blue" build ing Mac clones. Instead, IBM will sublicense the system to

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potential rewards huge. Apple would become in effect the Miother, small computer mak-Apple could attract some crosoft of Macintosh. It is the

big names by handing over the \$3 billion Performa business, sued by Mr Spindler, who tried to increase the market share of Apple's cheaper com-puters, with disastrous results. possibly even its name, to a licensee unburdened by ex-pensive research and develop ment, and still be assured a

\$50 per unit licensing fee. By moving less-profitable products to licensing part-For Apple employees, the debate on licensing and soft-ware sounds like a broken reners, Apple could focus on what it does best -- developing cord. Mr Sculley made a half-

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brace licensing and puttered along until disastrous misreadings of consumer demand led to his demise.

said Doneld Montabana, di-rector of the University of

Pennsylvania's Computing

Resource Centre. One Wall Street analyst, Barry Bosak of Smith Barney, thinks Mr Amelio's

managerial skills "could be an initial remedy in making the organisation functional

... Apple has needed a CEO who can simply take a stand and not succumb to its own

culture — meaning he can

Those wayward forecasts contributed to the latest quarterly loss of \$740 million, an Apple record. Apple suffered badly under Mr Spindler, nicknamed the Diesel, as droves of talent jumped shin That the agony was allowed to drag on for so long must be blamed on Apple's notoriously hands off board of directors and chairman Mike Markkula, who gave money to Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak to help Apple get started. Mr Markkula only acted after a virtual shareholder revolt in January. Apple has bounced back

from adversity before. This time it is running out of time and money. Perhaps this is the crisis that will force Apple to mend its childish ways.

consensus culture that hamcomes from sales of top-of-thehearted stab at change, but line computers like the 7500, 8500 and 9500, as well as most out manufacturing, goes to the core of Apple's identity. Its efforts have been half-hearted, strings decisive management. new technology, especially for allowed Apple culture to stymie him. Mr Spindler be-lieved it was too late to em-On the eve of Mr Amelio's the Internet. much-awaited "big speech" on PowerBooks and servers The net, for which Apple Major makes the rules Quick Crossword No. 8123 The Guardian Weekly man anymore. Like Mr Maa jury. The days of the Take-over Panel must also be numbered if companies gill, he is only one man and what is his opinion worth? take Mr Major's line and All the Barlow Clowes investors who were bailed out after he criticised the DTI call for judicial reviews of its high-handed decisions. But perhaps the closest parallel and the most approa more interesting should hand the money back forthwith. 11 12 1.44 The Trade Secretary should have told them that priate way in which the new 13

he would see them in court and let the Lords decide whether the investors were wise to entrust their cash to Peter Clowes. For the business commu-

gued that he has suffered because of completely arbi-trary comments by the House of Fraser inspectors. Those individuals criticised in the County NatWest

affair - and subsequently found not guilty in a court of law — will also be able to point to unternished reputations. Mr Major's biggest fan,

however, would have been the late Robert Maxwell, a prime example of what hap pens when everyone ignores the findings of impertinent individuals such as won't work as effectively on Mr Magill.

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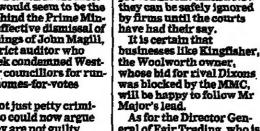
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eral of Fair Trading, who is he to ban rogue estate agents and debt collectors? Why should companies put up with his interference in their price-rigging cartels? Banks are also looking at substantial upside if they choose to apply the Major The implications for rules rather than the Bank Whitehall are clear. There of England's London rules. is no need to listen to the The Old Lady's eyebrows Parliamentary Ombuds-

thinking can be applied is in respect of DTI investigation reports. Although this was possibly not his intention, Mr Major will have a lot of backers for his views among those who have

fallen foul of company inspectors. From now on such opinions — although they have hitherto been issued with the Government's imprimatur — can be safely disregarded by all. The Harrods owner, Mo-

hamed Fayed, has long ar-

report into the Blue Arrow